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## CHURCH CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SEASONS AND SPECIAL DAYS
## CHURCH CALENDAR 1957-58

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(See Page 2)

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| 1862. | Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D.* | Concord | Montgomery |
| 1863. | Rev. James A. Lyon, D.D.* | Tombeckbee | Columbia |
| 1864. | Rev. John S. Wilson, D.D.* | Flint River | Charlotte |
| 1865. | Rev. George Howe, D.D., LL.D.* | Charleston | Macon |
| 1866. | Rev. Andrew Hart Kerr, D.D.* | Memphis | Memphis |
| 1867. | Rev. Thos. Verner Moore, D.D.* | East Hanover | Nashville |
| 1868. | Rev. John N. Waddel, D.D., LL.D.* | Chickasaw | Baltimore |
| 1869. | Rev. Stuart Robinson, D.D.* | Louisville | Mobile |
| 1870. | Rev. Robert L. Dabney, D.D.* | West Hanover | Louisville |

# MINUTES

## FIRST DAY

Montreat, North Carolina, May 31, 1956

The ninety-sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States convened in Anderson Auditorium, Montreat, North Carolina at 7:30 P. M.

The Assembly was led in a worship service by Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association. He was assisted by Rev. Stanley Bennett, pastor of the Montreat Church. Music for the service was led by the Montreat College Chorus.

Rev. J. McDowell Richards, Moderator, preached the opening sermon on the subject, "God's Commandment for His People," using as the text I John 3:23.

The Stated Clerk announced the presence of a quorum and the Assembly was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator.

The following commissioners were enrolled:

### ROLL

### 1. SYNOD OF ALABAMA

| | Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Birmingham | Edward L. Hopper | Dr. R. A. Duvall, Jr. |
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| | " | Bernard A. Sykes | W. W. Crow |
| 2. | Central Alabama | B. F. Mosely | Horace D. Griffin |
| 3. | East Alabama | Alfred L. Bixler | T. M. Fowler |
| | " | John H. Leith | T. D. McNair |
| | " | V. L. Bryant | John P. Glass |
| 4. | Mobile | D. H. Edington, Jr. | Nolan McLean |
| | " | John M. Reagan | Harry R. Decker |
| 5. | North Alabama | Robert A. Wailes | Frank W. Reid |
| | " | Richard Rouquie | R. B. Stitzer |
| 6. | Tuscaloosa | F. E. Bagby (2) | F. Burt Vardeman |
| | " | Floyd E. Hamilton | |

### 2. SYNOD OF APPALACHIA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Abingdon | A. B. Montgomery, Jr. | |
| | " | Preston Orr Sartelle | Roger S. Warren |
| | " | Warren J. Conrad | Glen K. Aust |
| 2. | Asheville | W. G. Somerville | Harry Barkley |
| | " | W. W. Preston | J. Paul Teal, Jr. (2) |
| 3. | Holston | J. Graham Spurrier | D. T. McCoy, Jr. |
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| | Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | Knoxville | Joseph B. Mack | C. H. Waller |
| | " | Reuben T. Allen, Jr. | T. Mack Blackburn |
| | " | William B. Moseley | L. C. Abel |
| | " | George M. Webb | Ralph C. Caldwell |

## 3. SYNOD OF ARKANSAS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | East Arkansas | Ellis G. Mosley | Oliver W. McClintock |
| | " | R. Young Wallace | Carl D. Yohe |
| 2. | Ouachita | J. A. McGehee | Luther B. Hawkins |
| | " | S. K. Dodson | Jon Karber |
| 3. | Washburn | J. David Simpson | John C. Cheatham |
| | " | Paul Mennenoeh | Jay Hill (2) |

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|---|---|---|---|
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| | " | Daniel Iverson | Joseph F. Dussault |
| | " | Orlow A. Rusher | James C. McCrea |
| 2. | Florida | Richard L. Scoggins | J. L. Brown |
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| 3. | St. Johns | Edward R. Rowley, Jr. | W. L. Deuel |
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| | " | F. P. Zitzmann | C. Fremont Vale, M.D. |
| 4. | Suwanee | Gabriel Abdullah | T. J. Gilbert |
| | " | Vance A. Gordon | A. L. Kenyon |
| | " | James L. Jackson | Wm. F. Aberly |
| | " | Wm. T. Baker | Ralph O. Von Thurn |
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| | " | Robert B. Russell | Francis L. Skinner |
| | " | William P. Anderson, Jr. | E. E. Jones |
| | " | Alton H. Glasure | Albert C. Rose (2) |
| | " | John L. Newton | Alexander S. Moffett |

## 5. SYNOD OF GEORGIA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Athens | L. B. Gibbs | Glenn Ledbetter |
| 2. | Atlanta | J. McDowell Richards | Merritt C. Duncan |
| | " | Edward Watson | J. B. Hatchett |
| | " | Vernon S. Broyles, Jr. | W. P. Wright |
| | " | Richard O. Flinn, Jr. | Robert Watkins |
| | " | Forrest L. Traylor, Jr. | Luther L. Scales |
| | " | Archie C. Ray | Charles T. Ansley |
| | " | Arthur Vann Gibson | Walter J. Rountree |
| | " | George C. Bellingrath | Raymond Turpin |
| 3. | Augusta-Macon | Daniel B. Churton | D. A. McNeill |
| | " | Leroy V. Secrest | Earl C. Hollingsworth |
| 4. | Cherokee | Robert C. Pooley, Jr. | Dr. Walter L. Jones |
| | " | Stephen J. Sloop | G. Warren Jackson |
| 5. | Georgia-Carolina | Bridges W. Edwards | Samuel M. Broom |
| 6. | Savannah | W. Samuel Crouch | George Blount |
| | " | Harvey R. Overton, Jr. | W. L. Wilkes |
| 7. | Southwest Georgia | John R. Smith | W. D. Tarvin |
| | " | T. B. McPheeters | Shelby J. Pope |

## 6. SYNOD OF KENTUCKY

| | Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Guerrant | D. Edward Renegar | R. G. Landolt |
| 2. | Lexington-Ebenezer | F. Gault Robertson | E. L. Colcord |
| | " | Walter K. Maude | James H. Shanklin |
| 3. | Louisville | J. Harvey Glass | Judge John A. Fulton |
| | " | John A. Kirstein | J. H. Dobbins |
| | " | Joseph E. Knight | Hans W. Lindorff |
| | " | William T. Kennon | Rudolph Morris |
| 4. | Muhlenberg | John C. McQueen, Jr. | Richard E. Dozer |
| 5. | Transylvania | James W. Gunn | Lucien Downey |

## 7. SYNOD OF LOUISIANA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Louisiana | Parks W. Wilson | Judge John T. Hood, Jr. |
| | " | I. O. Alexander | Clayton R. Mahaffey |
| | " | T. Frank Wallace, Sr. | E. B. Christman |
| 2. | Louisiana-Mississippi | Robert A. James | |
| 3. | New Orleans | J. W. Bracey | Nelson S. Towner |
| | " | Dayton Castleman | R. E. Thomas |
| | " | Dan F. Goodwin, Jr. | C. W. Doherty |
| 4. | Red River | Earl B. Wiggins | John T. Williams |
| | " | W. E. Giddens, Jr. | Frank Bryan |
| | " | J. Arthur Strickland | C. R. Adams, Sr. |

## 8. SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Central Mississippi | G. T. Gillespie | Joel G. Payne |
| | " | Boyd B. Underwood | C. P. Russell |
| | " | Sam C. Patterson | Maurice R. Black |
| | " | David L. Parks | Erskine W. Wells |
| 2. | East Mississippi | Tom A. Davidson | Louis P. Spinks, Jr. |
| | " | Robert H. Walkup | J. E. Conner |
| 3. | Meridian | Walter L. Bader | Robert S. Newton |
| | " | Richard L. Summers | E. W. Wood |
| 4. | Mississippi | James G. Spencer | Paul C. Cato |
| 5. | North Mississippi | T. S. Daniel | Chas. M. Shaw, Jr. |
| | " | R. A. Bolling | J. R. Johnson, Jr. |

## 9. SYNOD OF MISSOURI

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Lafayette | R. W. Furkin | H. E. Heninger |
| 2. | Missouri | Douglas G. Cater | |
| 3. | Potosi | Edwin R. Short | Dr. T. E. Wilson |
| 4. | St. Louis | T. Chalmers Henderson | Bernard J. Brugge |
| | " | B. A. Meeks | C. Z. Aubuchon |
| 5. | Upper Missouri | William T. Magill | Sam C. Sherwood |
| | " | Norman A. Krebbs | James C. Davidson |
| | " | Joseph T. Sefcik (2) | Sanford Weaver |

## 10. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Albemarle | J. Murphy Smith | Edwin A. West |
| | " | Henry F. Chesnutt | H. E. Brewer |
| | " | Denver S. Blevins | |
| 2. | Concord | Wm. Pat Boyle | Carey P. Lowrance |
| | " | Chas. A. McGirt | John S. Foster |
| | " | Walter H. Styles | R. G. Calhoun |
| | " | L. T. Edgerton | Louis J. Harrison |
| | " | J. Hector Smith | Fielding Clark |

## 10. SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA (continued)

| | Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Fayetteville | Howard W. Gilkeson | Robert E. McNeill |
| | " | Gower Crosswell, Jr. | D. C. Baker |
| | " | Charles L. Donnell | Edwin Morgan |
| | " | James B. Garrett | C. B. Stafford |
| | " | James Thomas Young | Jesse O. Wimberley |
| 4. | Granville | Thomas A. Schafer | G. R. Sipe |
| | " | H. P. Ruppenthal | H. S. Loy |
| | " | E. L. Barber | H. B. Marrow |
| 5. | Kings Mountain | B. Hoyt Evans | Robert L. Meek |
| | " | John W. Young | T. Q. Howe |
| | " | A. R. Craig | Paul R. Hambright |
| 6. | Mecklenburg | John A. Carriker | J. B. Watt |
| | " | Ben F. Moore, Jr. | T. M. Barnhardt, Jr. |
| | " | F. C. Wilkinson | John W. Knox |
| | " | Robert W. Rayburn | J. L. Puckett, Sr. |
| | " | Edward B. Cooper (2) | Jones Y. Pharr, Jr. |
| | " | S. Wylie Hogue, Jr. | Plato W. Davenport |
| | " | Harold D. Hayward | Fred O. Brown |
| | " | W. M. Boyce, Jr. | Everett Bierman |
| 7. | Orange | W. T. Thompson | C. F. Smith |
| | " | Roy E .Watts | W. H. Sullivan |
| | " | Hardin A. King | H. C. Simmons |
| | " | Marion S. Huske | Sam A. Florence |
| | " | Charles DeSanto | M. C. Loy |
| 8. | Wilmington | Jerry C. McCann | Gardner Edwards |
| | " | Wade H. Allison | J. Luther Powell |
| | " | William B. Hood (2) | Dr. W. C. Mebane |
| | " | Bernard E. Dotson | H. McNair Johnson |
| 9. | Winston-Salem | Graham C. McChesney | Lester Sheppard |
| | " | Henry R. Poole | D. C. Rankin |

## 11. SYNOD OF OKLAHOMA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Durant | J. S. Sleeper | George Goolsby |
| 2. | Indian | J. L. Imotichey | R. A. (Dick) Morton |
| 3. | Mangum | Paul D. Hanna | Robert L. Fienning |

## 12. SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bethel | W. H. Bowman | E. Brice Bankhead (2) |
| | " | Raleigh M. Engle | George L. McGill (2) |
| | " | D. H. Coblentz | C. H. Albright |
| 2. | Charleston | George A. Nickles | W. R. Willauer |
| | " | Sterling J. Edwards, Jr. | Frank S. Hay |
| 3. | Congaree | Cecil D. Brearley, Jr. | R. C. Andrews |
| | " | Jas. L. Goodwin | W. W. Plowden |
| | " | L. K. Martin | W. J. Zeller |
| 4. | Enoree | John K. Johnston | Dr. W. H. Hamilton |
| | " | Marshall B. Dendy | W. M. Gettys |
| | " | Charles W. Browning | Richard W. Carr |
| 5. | Harmony | Ace L. Tubbs | Howard H. Kemp |
| | " | William H. Boyd | Harold Wilson |
| 6. | Pee Dee | I. M. Bagnal | J. H. Spann, Jr. |
| | " | Fred J. Hay | A. M. McDonald |
| 7. | Piedmont | J. A. McIntyre | Arthur Deanhardt |
| | " | Paul P. Thrower | Holmes Simons, Jr. |
| 8. | South Carolina | Fred T. McGill | T. A. Sherard |
| | " | T. Layton Fraser | |

## 13. SYNOD OF TENNESSEE

| | Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Columbia | L. K. Foster | Frederick W. Evans |
| 2. | Memphis | Samuel R. Fudge | John L. Wellford |
| | " | Paul E. Corbett, Jr. | Quinton Edmonds |
| | " | W. J. Boyd | S. N. Jones |
| | " | W. Chester Keller | John H. Butterworth |
| | " | William D. Brown | Sherman Robinson |
| 3. | Nashville | Wm. A. Alexander | John B. Salsbery |
| | " | W. L. Smith | R. B. Miller, Sr. |
| | " | George Barker | Harold Tinnin |

## 14. SYNOD OF TEXAS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Brazos | John E. Parse | R. E. L. Love |
| | " | Hosea Rasberry | J. Grady Walker |
| | " | J. Irvin Knight | Harry H. Sisson |
| | " | Oscar F. Landry | Carroll A. Lewis |
| | " | Irvine H. Williams | R. E. Mason |
| | " | Robert D. Nolen | Roger H. Penick |
| | " | R. A. Deison | E. D. Fredrick |
| 2. | Central Texas | Harold G. Odum | Thos. W. Johnson |
| | " | J. W. Newton | LeRoy Massengale |
| | " | Thos. B. Gallaher | Wm. B. Carssow |
| 3. | Dallas | John F. Anderson, Jr. | C. E. Birk |
| | " | Daniel A. Baker | H. D. Mouzon |
| | " | E. Z. Bello | George L. Landolt |
| | " | L. McD. Kennedy, Jr. | Rufus B. Sparks |
| | " | Gerald H. Slusser | M. Ed Yinger |
| 4. | El Paso | Edward E. Mulliner | Wm. T. Curry |
| | " | J. G. M. Ramsey | Jerry Covington |
| | " | Tom B. Anderson | J. Robert Spencer |
| 5. | Mid-Texas | B. O. Wood | Estes M. Lynn |
| | " | E. A. J. Seddon, Jr. | H. M. Cauley |
| | " | Herbert E. Kann | Walter Holliday |
| 6. | Paris | Max C. Barton | L. Harold Dial |
| | " | Walter Lazenby, Jr. | H. B. Emerson |
| 7. | Western Texas | Hugh Robertson | Tom Chavez |
| | " | Eugene E. Wood | Leo J. Tripp |
| | " | H. Richard Copeland | Glenn Anderson |
| | " | B. Hampton Bowman | Harvey H. Horton |
| | " | Jesse L. Leos | Paul Olle |
| | " | R. M. Armendariz | Julius Moreno |

## 15. SYNOD OF VIRGINIA

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | East Hanover | C. Irving Lewis | Dan Butler |
| | " | William E. Hill, Jr. | William D. Moore, Jr. |
| | " | Edward J. Humphrey | Howard S. Donald |
| | " | Wallace A. Rogers | P. Randolph Williams |
| | " | Frederick H. Olert | J. Dallas Leith |
| | " | Clayton C. Crawford | Marvin A. Turpin |
| 2. | Lexington | Jonathan Edwards | J. Ralston Silling |
| | " | Harry L. Price | Samuel H. Shrum |
| | " | William H. Ramkey, Jr. | C. Winston Wade |
| | " | Howard McK. Wilson | Claude E. Spitzer |
| | " | Marion L. Simmons | John H. Stephenson |

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA (continued)

| Presbyteries | Ministers | Ruling Elders |
|---|---|---|
| 3. Montgomery | Charles F. McRae | W. Kent Ford |
| " | E. B. McGukin | William A. Trolan, Jr. |
| " | J. E. Richards | H. B. Moseley |
| " | Joseph E. Pringle | V. B. Mountcastle |
| " | E. A. Woods | W. Bruce Montgomery |
| 4. Norfolk | Joel B. Whitten, Jr. | George C. King, Sr. |
| " | Marshall J. Pilkenton | Frank D. Scott |
| " | Ira B. Watson, Jr. | J. A. D. Boone |
| " | Samuel T. Harris | Marion L. Whitney |
| " | Paul K. Buckles | David G. Adams |
| 5. Potomac | Robert S. Miles | John H. Walker |
| " | William S. Smythe, Jr. | R. B. Foster, Jr. |
| " | H. Hoover Bear | George G. Rusk |
| " | Everett K. Brown | Harald J. Vennes |
| 6. Roanoke | Locke White | George R. Norris |
| " | Wentz J. Miller | Dr. J. H. Irby |
| 7. West Hanover | Richard F. Taylor | J. L. Lancaster |
| " | Jan W. Owen | F. H. Calhoun |
| 8. Winchester | Oren Moore, Jr. | Home V. Hack |
| " | Samuel R. Diehl | C. W. Whitmer |
| " | Irving G. Rudolph | Gilbert S. Rannells |

16. SYNOD OF WEST VIRGINIA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Bluestone | Norman K. Morgan | W. P. Bittinger, M.D. |
| " | Elwin H. Roberts | Arthur R. Kingdon |
| 2. Greenbrier | Chas. W. Rightmyer | O. B. Yokum |
| " | H. L. Willis | R. F. Currence |
| 3. Kanawha | Frank T. Washburn | Thomas H. Snead |
| " | Lewis V. Boyle | Ernest Comer |
| " | George H. Vick | |
| " | Joe B. Overmyer | Paul E. Wehrle |
| " | Frank M. Ryburn | W. D. Lanham |

It was announced that Ruling Elder George H. Wright, who was to be chairman of the Standing Committee on Judicial Business, was unable to be present because of illness. The Moderator appointed Ruling Elder John A. Fulton to fill the vacancy.

## MODERATOR'S REPORT

The Moderator presented a report setting forth his activities during his term of office which is as follows:

To the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States
Montreat, North Carolina

*Brethren in Christ:*

It has been a joyous privilege to serve our Church during the past twelve months as Moderator of the General Assembly. For that privilege, and for the many courtesies which have been extended me by our people I am sincerely thankful.

When our General Assembly adjourned in Richmond on June 7, 1955 it fixed the date for its next meeting in Montreat as May 24, 1956. It developed, however, that this was not a convenient date from the viewpoint of our host, The Mountain Retreat Association. After conference with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, and acting upon a somewhat free interpretation of the power conferred upon the Moderator in Paragraph 87 of the Book of Church Order, I announced a postponement of one week in the time for the meeting of this General Assembly. The change was made early enough to be included in the printed Minutes of the 95th Assembly and was publicized in the Church press. It is my hope that the action has occasioned no inconvenience and that it will meet with the approval of this body.

The number of invitations which any Moderator of the General Assembly receives to speak in various sections of the Church is a source both of pleasure and of embarrassment. There is a certain symbolism in the office which is apparently of increasing significance in the minds of our people. So long as the office remains symbolic, and a reminder of the fact that the General Assembly "constitutes the bond of union, peace, and correspondence among its congregations and courts," there is much to make it desirable that the Moderator travel as widely as possible. It is necessary for us to remember, however, that under our system of government the man who holds this office possesses no actual authority, and that his words carry no weight other than that which may be inherent in their content. I have endeavored to bear this fact in mind throughout the year.

Although it has been impossible to accept all of the invitations which have come, I have sought to take advantage of these opportunities so far as my time and strength have permitted. It has been my privilege during the year to visit in each of our 16 synods and to speak on approximately 140 different occasions. In so doing I have traveled more than 48,000 miles. It has been my privilege to speak at three of our seminaries, at the General Assembly's Training School, and at seven of our Church colleges. The generosity of local congregations and groups in providing for my expenses has made it possible for the total cost of my itineraries to the General Assembly to be kept at a figure somewhat below $300.00. I have endeavored throughout the year to lay stress upon the great evangelistic opportunities which confront the Church in our day, and to conform to the program laid down by our General Assembly in emphasizing the cause of Christian Higher Education. I have sent out only one pastoral letter during the year and this was written in behalf of Christian Family Life and Christian Higher Education. The mailing of this letter was made possible through the cooperation of Dr. Hunter B. Blakely and the Board of Christian Education.

My many absences from my regular duties would not have been possible apart from the gracious action of my colleagues on the faculty and staff of Columbia Theological Seminary in offering to carry many of my responsibilities during the year. I would record my deep and lasting appreciation to them for their kindness. I wish also to acknowledge my deep indebtedness to Dr. E. C. Scott and his assistants for their aid in the carrying on of correspondence and in various other details of the work.

It has been a memorable experience to have contact with a host of consecrated ministers, officers and members of our Church across the length and breadth of our Southland. I am profoundly grateful for the warm hospitality and the many courtesies with which I have everywhere been received.

During the past week it was my privilege to attend in Philadelphia the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Organization of the First Presbytery in America and to bear the fraternal greetings of our Church to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. in its meeting.

In conclusion it is perhaps appropriate that certain general remarks concerning the state of our Church be included. The year has happily been marked to a large extent by the absence of party strife and conflict. The question of Union with other Churches having been settled by vote of the presbyteries last year has not been a subject of continued debate. Both proponents and opponents of Union have shown a commendable spirit in putting aside differences on this subject and in giving their attention to other pressing matters which are before us. It is to be hoped that the spirit of good will and unity among our people will grow stronger year by year, as we remember that the opin-

ions in which we differ are secondary to the common faith in Christ which binds us together as brethren.

The most difficult and possibly the most crucial question confronting our Church today is that of racial relationships. There are many complicating factors, and the full solution of our problems will not come quickly. Patience, love and courage are demanded of us. We must respect the sincerity of those who hold opinions different from our own, while steadfastly maintaining their right to be heard. The right to freedom of thought and freedom of speech must assuredly be maintained in the Church. All of us alike face an obligation to ask ourselves not what we prefer as Southerners or as members of a particular race, but what Christ would have us do. Only as we bring our views and our practices into accord with His will can we bear an effective witness to the world in which we live. The success of our entire World Mission Program and the effectiveness of our witness at home are dependent upon our attitudes and practices in racial relationships to a far greater degree than we have understood, and the Gospel is being judged by non-believers on the basis of what they see in us.

Our Church is facing a day of unparalleled opportunity. A new religious interest on the part of great masses of the people and the rapid growth both of population and of economic resources in the South challenges us to move "Forward With Christ" as never before. There are numerous signs of encouragement. We have made real advances in recent years. Our Church is vibrant, growing and capable of tremendous achievements in the service of Christ. Far more is demanded of us than we have ever done before. God grant that we may be faithful in our task.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McDOWELL RICHARDS

## ELECTION OF MODERATOR

The Stated Clerk reviewed the Standing Rules of the Assembly in regard to the election of a Moderator. Rev. W. Taliaferro Thompson, a Commissioner from the Presbytery of Orange, was nominated. There being no further nominations he was elected Moderator by a standing vote.

## ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CLERKS

The Stated Clerk placed in nomination Rev. L. B. Gibbs of the Presbytery of Athens, Rev. W. T. Magill of the Presbytery of Upper Missouri and Rev. Elwin H. Roberts of the Presbytery of Bluestone, to serve as Temporary Clerks. Upon motion they were elected.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk presented the following Communications which were disposed of as indicated:

From President Dwight D. Eisenhower, expressing appreciation to the General Assembly for the resolutions concerning the United Nations sent to him by the 1955 Assembly. This was received as information.

*To the Standing Committee on Judicial Business*

From Rev. Thomas B. Hoover, Jr., requesting the General Assembly to direct the Synod of South Carolina to correct its record of report of Judicial Commission.

*To the Standing Committee on Christian Education*

From Board of Directors of Mountain Retreat Association, requesting the re-election of Dr. L. Nelson Bell and Rev. C. Grier Davis as Trustees.

*To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations*

1. From Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Secretary, World Council of Churches, inviting our Church to appoint delegates to a North American Study Conference to be held at Oberlin, Ohio in September.

2. From Dr. Ralph W. Lloyd, North American Secretary, World Presbyterian Alliance, requesting the appointment of two members to the Theological Committee.

3. From Dr. Lloyd, calling attention to increase in our representation to North American Area Council.

*To the Standing Committee on Office of the General Assembly*

From the Board of World Missions requesting the General Assembly to modify its rule so as to permit a person to serve three complete terms of three years each even if this should carry him beyond the nine-year limit.

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## OVERTURES

The Stated Clerk presented the following overtures which were referred as indicated:

*To the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, 1-9, 33, 38 and 46.*

Replies are found on page 43.

(1) The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS, the Seal designed by great men of our Assembly in the past which, in each of its component parts, so aptly sets forth the Biblical truths on which our Assembly has been built, and

WHEREAS, no General Assembly in the past has ever made this Seal our official Seal, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 1956 Assembly vote to ratify this Seal as proposed, thus making it officially that of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

(2) The Synod of Florida passed the following overture:

That the General Assembly consider taking action upon the question of providing a uniform church emblem of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., for the purpose of publicizing it along the highways.

(3) WHEREAS, the General Assembly of 1949 effected a radical reorganization of the agencies of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, sufficient time has elapsed since such radical reorganization to determine the effectiveness, as well as minor defects, in this reorganized program; and

WHEREAS, it seems expedient that opportunity be given for adjustments which may be needed because of unforeseen situations which have arisen during the past six years;

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Knoxville overtures the General Assembly to make a study of the existing agencies, appointing for this purpose an Ad Interim Committee to be composed of ministers and ruling elders from local churches.

(4) WHEREAS, there is certain virtue from the standpoint of economy and administration in locating the several Boards and Agencies of the Assembly at one point within the Church,

The Presbytery of Birmingham overtures the General Assembly to appoint an Ad Interim Committee to study the advisability of such a move and to hear any offers that might be made by interested parties and to report to the 1957 Assembly with recommendation.

(5) The Presbytery of Cherokee, respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an Ad Interim Committee to study the possibility of moving the agencies of the General Assembly to Atlanta, Georgia. (In the interest of economy and efficiency).

(6), (7), (8) WHEREAS, at practically no cost to the Church, a valuable property,

known as the Presbyterian Center, has been secured to house the Assembly Agencies now located in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, it appears that funds outside the Church may be available to erect a new and commodious building, provided all Assembly Agencies are located at the Presbyterian Center; and,

WHEREAS, a considerable savings in travel and other costs could be effected if all agencies at the Assembly level were located in one place near the population center of the Church;

THEREFORE, the presbyteries of Westminster, Piedmont and Mid-Texas respectfully overture the General Assembly to appoint an Ad Interim Committee, representing each synod, to study every phase related to the possible location of all its agencies at the Presbyterian Center and to report its findings and recommendations to the 1957 Assembly.

(9) WHEREAS, 1958 is scheduled for the program emphasis on "The Church"; and

WHEREAS, much of the division and divergent opinion in our Church results from diverse conceptions of the nature and function of the Church, together with the Church courts; and

WHEREAS, this diversity is evidenced in the crucial question: Shall the Church echo the voice of the people or the voice of God to His people, in questions of Morals, Ethics and Social Actions? and

WHEREAS, we believe that this question is basic to many of the discussions which occupy much of the time of our Church courts; and

WHEREAS, Chapters XX and XXV of the Confession of Faith and Chapters I-IV of the Book of Church Order are and have been variously construed;

THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.:

1. To appoint an Ad Interim Committee to make a study of and deliverance on the Biblical doctrine of the nature and function of the Church;

2. To recognize the urgency of this question by appointing to this committee the best scholarship available in our Church; and,

3. To direct this committee to make as complete report as possible to the 1957 General Assembly, in view of the 1958 year of emphasis on "The Church."

(33) The Presbytery of Winchester respectfully overtures the General Assembly to clarify the reporting of ruling elders and deacons in the statistical reports of sessions and presbyteries as to active or inactive status or both.

(38) The Presbytery of Augusta-Macon respectfully overtures the General Assembly to provide an affiliate membership in our churches for members of our Armed Services and their families.

(46) In view of the financial saving that might result if all Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly were located in one central place, the Presbytery of Lexington-Ebenezer respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an Ad Interim Committee representing each Synod to make a thorough study of locating all of its Boards and Agencies in one place and report its findings and recommendations to the 1957 General Assembly.

*To the Standing Committee on Judicial Business, 10-15.*

Replies are found on pages 44 and 45.

(10) The Presbytery of Atlanta respectfully overtures the General Assembly that there be another parenthesis inserted in the Form of Call immediately after the parenthesis "(and a manse)" to read "(and a _____ vacation)".

(11) The Presbytery of New Orleans overtures the General Assembly to approve the amendments to Paragraphs 115 and 116 to read as follows:

115. A candidate for licensure must be a graduate of a four-year college or university fully accredited by its proper regional accrediting association; and a candidate for ordination must, in addition, be a graduate of the three-year course in a theological seminary under the control of our Church, or of the three-year course in a theological seminary accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools and approved

by the Presbytery. As evidence of his graduation in either case the candidate shall cause an official transcript of his record to be sent directly from the institution in question to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

116. The Presbytery shall examine the candidate on his knowledge of any or all of his academic studies, and on his knowledge of his theological studies, including the original languages of the Holy Scriptures. Official transcripts from his college and seminary (see par. 115) may be accepted in lieu of examinations on all subjects except Theology, the Sacraments, Church Government, and the English Bible. (The remaining parts of par. 116 to remain unchanged.)

(12) The Presbytery of Brazos overtures the General Assembly to clarify Paragraph 62 of the Book of Church Order, in reference to the question of whether a Session may call and have a meeting of the Session without it being called by the pastor, where there is a pastor, and particularly defining what shall constitute an emergency.

(13) The Presbytery of Red River respectfully overtures the General Assembly to define the status of a retired member in the local church.

(14) The Presbytery of Brazos overtures the General Assembly to define the authority of the presbytery to organize churches in the following particular: In the light of paragraph 38 of the Book of Church Order, may the presbytery commission an evangelist to organize a church?

(15) The Synod of Tennessee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to clarify the answer of the General Assembly to overture No. 12 of 1953, by indicating whether a presbytery can require a session to make a report directly to a Board or Agency of the Church, or whether the presbytery can only require the report to be sent to itself.

*To the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, 16-18 and 45.*

Replies are found on page 46.

(16) The Presbytery of Florida again respectfully overtures the General Assembly to restore the column of Ministers' Salaries in the statistical report.

(17) WHEREAS, the General Assembly has eliminated the column "Pastors Salaries" in the statistical reports of the church to the presbytery and the General Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the Home Mission Association of the Assembly's Board of Church Extension has gone on record requesting the Assembly to restore this column, and

WHEREAS, the information formerly contained in this column contained important information for Executive Secretaries and Superintendents of Home Missions, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Presbytery of Montgomery overture the General Assembly to restore this column.

(18) We (the Board of Christian Education) overture the General Assembly to clarify the meaning of the Manual of the General Assembly concerning the length of service of members of the Boards and Agencies of the Assembly. Does a service of two terms of three years each, and a fraction of another such term, preclude nomination and election for a third complete term of three years?

The Board of Christian Education would respectfully urge that where a person is elected to fill an unexpired term that he be ruled eligible for additional service of three complete terms of three years each.

(45) The Presbytery of The Everglades overtures the General Assembly, through the Office of the Stated Clerk, to restore the salary listings of ordained ministers in the Assembly Minutes.

*To the Standing Committee on General Council, 19-22, 31, 32, 43, 44 and 48.*

Replies are found on page 60.

(19) In view of the wealth of historical materials which have been gathered in the Historical Foundation at Montreat and in our seminary and college libraries, and

In view of the needs for these important and irreplaceable documents to be safely preserved and at the same time made available for a wider use by students and scholars in our churches, and

In view of the difficulty of getting to these records in their present scattered state, and

In view of the ease with which they could be destroyed forever in a moment of time in modern warfare,

The Presbytery of Norfolk overtures the General Assembly to request the General Council to study this need and to make possible facilities in the Historical Foundation for photostating and/or microfilming these documents in their possession and those in the libraries that copies may be placed in the seminary libraries for safe-keeping and more accessible use.

(20) WHEREAS, there is a wealth of historical material which has been and is being gathered in various different libraries and historical foundations, and

WHEREAS, there is need for these most important and precious documents to be both safely preserved and at the same time widely used by students and scholars in our colleges and seminaries,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Brazos hereby overtures the General Assembly to request the General Council to study this need and to bring to the succeeding Assembly suggestions as to how the most precious documents in the possession of the agencies of our Church may be, by the use of microfilm or by some other method, made more widely accessible to the libraries of our colleges and seminaries.

(21) In view of the increasing need for it, the Presbytery of Lexington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to provide the Presbyterian Historical Foundation with funds for photo-copy equipment with which to micro-film historical records.

(22) The Presbytery of Mid-Texas respectfully overtures the General Assembly to establish an office of Central Treasurer for all of the Assembly's agencies and causes, empowered to allocate benevolence receipts in proportion to the approved budgets of Assembly's agencies, in order that all causes may receive their proportionate part of the Assembly's budget before any cause receives more than its share.

(31) WHEREAS, it is the policy of he General Assembly to formulate a total budget for all its agencies and institutions, and then allow its constituent churches to use the method each feels best for meeting its proportionate share of the Assembly's budget, and

WHEREAS, a specific exception has been made for the past several years in regard to the "Easter Offering for the Relief of Human Suffering," thus producing confusion and lack of participation in those churches committed to a policy of unified budget,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Mid-Texas respectfully requests the General Assembly to order its General Council to include an amount in the budget of the Assembly for the use of the Department of Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid of the Board of World Missions to permit all our churches to share in this worthy cause in the manner they deem best suited to the local situation.

(32 and 43) WHEREAS, the original records and early publications of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. are now to be found not only in recognized depositories (such as the Historical Foundation in Montreat and the Libraries of Austin and Union Presbyterian Seminaries) but also in state archives, college and university libraries, and individually owned collections scattered over a wide area of the United States, so that these historical materials are nowhere available in a single center; and

WHEREAS, it is to be hoped that these materials would be sent to the Historical Foundation if authentic copies were available to these archives, libraries and individuals; and

WHEREAS, some of these materials exist in only one or two known copies, many of which are in such condition as to suffer from handling; which handling would be eliminated if microfilm copies were available; and

WHEREAS, those records that are in private hands are frequently irrecoverably lost by fire or other destruction; and

WHEREAS, these documents ought to be reproduced and made available to church courts, officials, and agencies in their work; to seminary faculties and students that our Presbyterian heritage might be better known and appreciated; and to historians and research workers who wish access to these hitherto inaccessible records for use in their historical studies; and

WHEREAS, equipment for photographic reproduction is now obtainable that would make authentic copies of these priceless documents and records from our past, these photographic copies then being made available at strategic centers; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is the agency of the General Assembly designated to assemble and house a complete collection of the official documents and publications of the Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, few of our Presbyterian institutions or church courts are able to have photographic reproductions of materials made at economical prices, but must rely upon expensive commercial photography for necessary duplication of materials; and

WHEREAS, the Library section of the Presbyterian Educational Association of the South, composed of librarians of all Presbyterian seminaries and colleges of our denomination, has unanimously agreed to recommend this project to our church courts;

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbyteries of Western Texas and Louisville overture the General Assembly to appropriate $25,000 to establish a Photographic Reproduction Center at the Historical Foundation. Of this amount up to $10,000 shall be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies, and up to $5,000 per year shall be available for three years to provide adequate personnel to initiate the project.

(44) The Presbytery of Suwannee humbly overtures that the General Assembly request all of its Boards, institutions and recommend to all of its associated institutions, to allow at least 25% of their endowments, to be invested in church loans, for construction purposes. It is understood these loans are to be placed only on the strictest business principles.

(48) The Presbytery of Potomac respectfully overtures the General Assembly to consider the advisability of setting up a Division of Welfare Agencies, to be under the direction of the Board of Annuities and Relief, to study the problems, give guidance and set up standards for homes for children, homes for the aging, hospitals and similar agencies.

*To the Standing Committee on World Missions, 23.*

Reply is found on pages 73 and 74.

(23) The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully overtures the General Assembly to give to the Board of World Missions any authority and encouragement needed to enable the Board to make a personal approach to students in our seminaries and in the Assembly's Training School who are likely prospects for mission service, offering to these prospects definite calls to particular service.

*To the Standing Committee on Christian Education, 24-27, 40-42 and 47.*

Replies are found on page 64.

(24) WHEREAS, recent studies indicate that about 60,000 boys and girls from homes in the Presbyterian Church, U.S. are in colleges or seminaries, and only 4,000 in our own Presbyterian institutions; and

WHEREAS, many of these would attend our own schools if the financial cost were not greater than at state schools; and

WHEREAS, those who attend state or independent institutions need much better care and spiritual nurture than most synods provide.

THEREFORE, the Synod of Georgia respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take one of the following steps:

1. Appoint an Ad Interim committee to study the whole problem of the Church's responsibility to its young people in the realm of higher education; or 2. Increase substantially the Challenge Fund now administered by the Board of Christian Education so that larger sums may be available for worthy young people who need help in attending our own institutions and better provision for those who will be attending state institutions.

(25) The Synod of Appalachia respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appropriate as much as $200,000 to the Challenge Fund of the Board of Christian Education, this sum to be placed in the "spending budget" of the Board.

(26) WHEREAS, the General Assembly of 1955 granted a final budget appropriation of $50,000 to Montreat College, while reaffirming the statement of the 1952 Assembly that the General Assembly will not make appropriations for Montreat College,

THEREFORE, the Synod of Missouri respectfully overtures the 96th General Assembly to make no appropriation whatsoever for Montreat College.

(27) The Presbytery of Upper Missouri respectfully overtures the General Assembly not to grant any further funds to Montreat College.

(40) The Presbytery of Louisville respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS, there are inadequacies in the Directory for Worship of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and the Book of Common Worship of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., such as:

1. The exclusive use of the King James translation of the Bible in its materials;
2. The antique, difficult-to-understand language used in the suggested prayers;
3. The failure to be realistic in orders of service as to time and volume of content;
4. The lack of notice of the importance of music in worship, specifically, failure to include suggestions for wedding and funeral music;
5. The absence of good installation services for use in the Sunday school, with Youth groups and Women's groups;
6. The exclusion of suggested services to be used by laymen who conduct public worship;

WHEREAS, the Presbyterian Churches, in the past year, have produced a joint hymnal of note and good taste to overcome these same types of handicaps in Presbyterian hymn books;

WHEREAS, the leaders of worship in all branches of Presbyterianism would find much value in a joint Book of Worship, such as:

1. A unifying result in the modes of worship in the three Churches;
2. An instrument for the exchange of worship ideas of the three Churches;

WHEREAS, worshippers in the congregations of the three Churches would profit in like manner, and would find the services more meaningful;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Louisville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take immediate steps to inaugurate the beginning of a joint Book of Worship with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church.

(41) The Presbytery of Louisville respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS, The Board of Christian Education does not have funds available for capital investment in local book stores in Louisville, Kentucky, or other areas throughout the Church, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Christian Education has declined to make Vacation Church School material available through existing local book stores, and

WHEREAS, materials of all of our other Boards of the Church are available through local book stores, and

WHEREAS, there is a notable reluctance on the part of individual churches to order Vacation Church School material from the Board in Richmond, Virginia, and

WHEREAS, it appears that some of our churches are obtaining material for their Vacation Church School from other sources, which material is Presbyterian, and otherwise, and

WHEREAS, local book stores offer discounts on books to church libraries and ministers that the Board of Christian Education in Richmond does not allow, and

WHEREAS, Presbytery of Louisville is deeply concerned lest the present policy of the Board result in increased reluctance of individual churches to avail themselves of Vacation Church School material through the Board of Christian Education,

NOW, THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Louisville respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S. to direct the Board of Christian Education to reinstate its former policy of making material and supplies available through local religious book stores.

(42) WHEREAS, the total of 921 children in our Church memorizing the Shorter or Child's Catechism last year is far short of the 4,059 in 1922, when our Church membership was 411,854 as compared with 780,853 in 1954, and

WHEREAS, this is a decrease exceeding 75% while membership has increased nearly 100%, indicating marked decline in catechetical instruction, and

WHEREAS, recent growth has brought to our Church many fine people of different religious backgrounds, numbers of whom are interested in learning more about our Reformed doctrine, and

WHEREAS, our Book of Church Order, section 345, states that "the Bible, together with the Catechisms, shall be the chief textbooks of the Church School, the center of every course of instruction; . . .",

NOW, THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Central Mississippi respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

1. To instruct the Board of Christian Education:
   a. To make an early and thorough study of this problem;
   b. To promote an effective program looking to greater emphasis and increased use of the Catechisms in the homes and Church schools of our Assembly;
   c. To commend presbyteries and churches with records worthy of special mention in this important matter;
   d. To include a special report on progress in the Annual Report to the General Assembly each year.
2. To instruct the General Council to supply full support to the Board of Christian Education in this important matter.

(47) The Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly as follows:

WHEREAS, a great number of churches across our General Assembly use the Uniform Lesson Series, and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Lesson Series does not provide guidance or material for Second Sessions, and

WHEREAS, the only literature available from our Board of Christian Education for those churches using Uniform Lessons is made up of three books, all copies from another denominational press, and

WHEREAS, our churches to meet evident needs are in increasing numbers organizing our Juniors into vesper and fellowship groups, and

WHEREAS, our sister denominations have organized Junior Fellowships or their counterparts, published literature to guide them, and achieved an acceptable degree of success with this age grouping, and

WHEREAS, many presbyteries of the General Assembly are launching programs of Junior Camps, similar to our present programs for Pioneers and Seniors:

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly to request the Board of Christian Education to re-evaluate its position on Junior Vesper Groups, and that the Board, to aid churches in setting up such groups, publish appropriate literature which will enable our churches to enlist those children who are so eager to be led into paths of service.

*To the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief, 34.*

Reply is found on page 50.

(34) WHEREAS, Mrs. Kate Bitting Reynolds left a large sum in trust for the relief and support of aged and infirm ministers of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Annuities of the General Assembly make it a practice to reduce the amounts granted to ministers of North Carolina in proportion to the amounts paid to them by the Reynolds Fund, thus defeating the purpose of the Fund, which was intended by the Will of Mrs. Reynolds to give to the aged and infirm ministers of North Carolina additional support over and above that granted by the Board of Annuities,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Fayetteville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to review the Board of Annuities and Relief in granting aid and relief.

*To the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations, 28, 29, 35-37 and 50.*

Replies are found on page 52.

(28) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Harmony wishes to express its attitude toward membership of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the World Council of Churches; and,

WHEREAS, continued membership gives tacit approval of public pronouncements and resolutions that have been widely circulated, which do not express the convictions of a majority of the total membership; and,

WHEREAS, resolutions above referred to have accused those not in agreement with their social, economical and political views as unchristian; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of both associations above referred to, openly envision the ultimate goal as organic union of all Protestant churches in one world Church:

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Harmony respectfully overtures the General Assembly for determination of policy as to whether or not the Presbyterian Church, U.S. shall withdraw from or remain in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the World Council of Churches; same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

(29) The Presbytery of Congaree respectfully overtures the General Assembly to submit the matter of continued membership in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. to the presbyteries for their advice so that the 1957 General Assembly will have sound and reasonable grounds upon which to act upon this matter.

WE FURTHER SUGGEST, that the question submitted to the presbyteries be: "Shall the Presbyterian Church, U.S. withdraw its membership from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.?"

(35) The Presbytery of Tuscaloosa concurs in the overture of the Presbytery of Harmony (28) to the 1956 General Assembly to adopt and send to the presbyteries for vote the question of withdrawal from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., and the World Council of Christian Churches.

(36) The Presbytery of Meridian respectfully overtures the General Assembly to withdraw from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

(37) WHEREAS, The Presbytery of Florida wishes to express its grave concern toward the membership of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and the World Council of Churches, and

WHEREAS, continued membership gives tacit approval of public pronouncements and resolutions that have been widely circulated which do not express the convictions of a majority of the total membership of our Church, and

WHEREAS, resolutions above referred to have accused those not in agreement with their social, economic and political views as un-Christian, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of both associations, above referred to, openly envision the ultimate goal as organic union of all Protestant Churches in one world Church.

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Florida overtures the General Assembly to authorize a ballot by each presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., for the determination of a policy as to whether or not our Presbyterian Church should withdraw from the two councils, same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

(50) WHEREAS, the Presbytery of Charleston wishes to express its attitude toward membership of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. in the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and in the World Council of Churches, and

WHEREAS, continued membership gives tacit approval of public pronouncements and resolutions that have been widely circulated, which do not express the convictions of a majority of the total membership, and

WHEREAS, resolutions above referred to have accused those not in agreement with their social, economical and political veiws as un-Christian, and

WHEREAS, the leadership of both associations, above referred to, openly envision the ultimate goal as organic union of all Protestant Churches in one World Church:

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the General Assembly for determination of policy as to whether or not the Presbyterian Church, U.S., shall withdraw from or remain in the National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A., and the World Council of Churches; same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

*To the Standing Committee on Christian Relations, 30, 39 and 49.*

Replies are found on page 75.

(30) WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. has by resolution recommended the opening of our churches, schools and colleges to all races, and

WHEREAS, the action of the General Assembly has been published throughout the United States and elsewhere as the attitude and belief of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

NOW, we the Presbytery of Harmony declare:

1. That we do not agree with the action of the General Assembly above referred to.

2. That we believe that the action of the General Assembly above referred to will cause dissension and hatred between the races.

3. That the action of the General Assembly aforesaid was taken without submitting such issues to the presbyteries composing the Assembly; and it is our conviction that such action does not truly indicate the convictions of its presbyteries or the membership of the Church.

NOW THEREFORE, The Presbytery of Harmony respectfully overtures the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. to authorize a ballot by each presbytery of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. for determination of policy as to whether or not the Presbyterian Church, U.S. shall have segregation or integration of all races; same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

(39) The Presbytery of East Alabama respectfully overtures the General Assembly to authorize a ballot by each presbytery of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U.S., for determination of policy as to whether or not the Presbyterian Church, U.S. shall have segregation or integration of all races; same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

(49) WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., has by resolution recommended the opening of our churches, schools and colleges to all races, and

WHEREAS, the action of the General Assembly has been publicized throughout the United States and elsewhere as the attitude and belief of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.,

NOW, we the Presbytery of Charleston, declare:

1. That we do not agree with the action of the General Assembly referred to above.

2. That we believe that the action of the General Assembly referred to above will cause dissension and hatred between the races.

3. That the action of the General Assembly aforesaid was taken without submitting such issues to the presbyteries composing the Assembly, and it is our conviction that such action does not truly indicate the convictions of its presbyteries or the membership of the Church.

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Charleston respectfully overtures the General Assembly to authorize a ballot by each presbytery of the General Assembly for determination of policy as to whether or not the Presbyterian Church, U.S. shall have segregation or integration of all races; same being conducted in accordance with properly constituted authority.

## DOCKET

The docket as printed in the Blue Book was adopted with the change of the time of the presentation of the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage from Saturday to Monday. The hours for the morning sessions were fixed as from 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; the afternoon sessions as 2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.; the evening sessions from 7:30 P. M. to the will of the court.

Rev. Glenn W. Moore, Fraternal Delegate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, was introduced to the Assembly by Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations.

## REPORTS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

1. Judicial. To Standing Committee on Judicial Business.
2. Nominations. To Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.
3. Worship. The report was considered and adopted and is as follows:

### REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

1. The worship services for this meeting of the General Assembly are printed in the back of the Blue Book for the convenience of the commissioners. They were prepared by Rev. Ferguson Wood.
2. It is recommended that the Assembly approve of the arrangement for the following services on Sunday morning:

Morning Worship at Anderson Auditorium at 11 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Stephen J. Sloop, followed by the Communion Service which will be in charge of Rev. Arthur Vann Gibson and Rev. George A. Nickles.

Respectfully submitted,

J. McDOWELL RICHARDS, *Chairman*

## REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

The reports of the eight Ad Interim Committees were docketed.

## REPORTS OF TRUSTEES

The Stated Clerk presented the following reports of Trustees which were referred as indicated:

## REPORTS OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

The annual reports of Austin, Columbia, Louisville and Union Theological Seminaries were presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Christian Education.

## VOTES ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The votes of the Presbyteries on the proposed amendment to paragraph 80 of the Book of Church Order were referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

## THE MINUTES OF SYNODS

The minutes of the Synods were presented and referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

The Stated Clerk announced that the Standing Committees for the 1956 meeting of the General Assembly had been appointed according to the Standing Rules. They are as follows:

## STANDING COMMITTEES

*Bills and Overtures*—Rev. D. H. Edington, Jr., *Chairman*. Ministers: W. H. Pos, James G. Spencer, J. Graham Spurrier, Archie C. Ray, Dan F. Goodwin, Jr., Gower Crosswell, Jr., Paul P. Thrower, J. G. M. Ramsey, Wm. E. Hill, Jr., Walter H. Styles, B. A. Meeks, G. T. Gillespie, John A. Carriker, Geo. A. Nickles, F. E. Bagby, S. T. Harris, Jr., Irvine H. Williams, Max C. Barton, John K. Johnston. Elders: Robert E.

McNeill, Wesley S. Hyrons, Joel G. Payne, Alexander S. Moffett, Harold Tinnin, Carey P. Lowrance, Paul C. Cato, Walter J. Rountree, W. W. Plowden, John R. Nipe, Jon Karber, H. S. Loy, M. E. Yinger, T. M. Fowler, J. H. Spann, Jr., R. B. Foster, Jr., T. Q. Howe, Jones Y. Pharr, Jr., George Blount, R. F. Fleming, H. McNair Johnson, H. B. Moseley.

*Judicial Business*—Judge John A. Fulton, *Chairman.* Ministers: W. H. Bowman, Oren Moore, Jr., Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., Richard L. Summers, Robert S. Miles, Locke White, Hosea Rasberry, W. J. Boyd, Gerald H. Slusser, H. D. Gress, Wm. H. Boyd, Joseph A. McGehee, Harry L. Price, C. Irving Lewis, J. Arthur Strickland, J. Harvey Glass, John H. Leith, E. A. J. Seddon, Jr., J. Hector Smith. Elders: Maurice R. Black, Frank Bryan, John W. Knox, R. B. Stitzer, L. P. Spinks, Jr., R. E. Thomas, Richard F. Currence, R. W. Adams, George G. Rusk, P. Randolph Williams, C. F. Smith, Leo J. Tripp, Wm. T. Curry, John P. Glass, Harold Wallace, Clayton R. Mahaffey, Paul Hambright, Harry Barkley, A. M. McDonald.

*Office of the General Assembly*—Rev. Frederick H. Olert, *Chairman.* Ministers: Charles L. Donnell, H. Hoover Bear, L. McD. Kennedy, Robert C. Pooley, Jr., Frank M. Ryburn, W. B. Moseley, R. Young Wallace, John A. Kirstein, S. R. Fudge, B. Hampton Bowman, W. H. Allison, V. L. Bryant, J. C. McQueen, Jr., Jonathan Edwards, Herbert E. Kann, Norman A. Krebbs, T. Layton Fraser, J. E. Richards. Elders: T. Mack Blackburn, Marion L. Whitney, F. Burt Vardeman, James C. McCrea, Sanford Weaver, Charles T. Ansley, Jay Hill, Gilbert S. Rannells, C. W. Doherty, R. E. L. Love, George L. Landolt, Harold S. Tinklepaugh, Wm. D. Moore, Jr., Roger S. Warren, J. Paul Teal, Jr., C. R. Adams, Sr., W. H. Sullivan, C. H. Albright, Claude E. Spitzer.

*General Council*—Rev. B. O. Wood, *Chairman.* Ministers: I. M. Bagnal, Raleigh M. Engle, Gabriel Abdullah, Roy E. Watts, J. Murphy Smith, Joel B. Whitten, Jr., Graham C. McChesney, Wm. T. Magill, George M. Webb, T. Chalmers Henderson, Lewis V. Boyle, Edward E. Mulliner, John L. Newton, John E. Parse, A. B. Montgomery, Jr., Forrest L. Traylor, Jr., E. L. Barber, Daniel Iverson, Marion L. Simmons, Parks W. Wilson. Elders: W. C. Hale, J. Grady Walker, Bernard S. Brugge, Rudolph Morris, Walter Holliday, Merritt C. Duncan, Sherman W. Robinson, Wm. F. Aberly, John C. Cheatham, Robert L. Fienning, Jr., Shelby J. Pope, T. M. Barnhardt, Jr., J. L. Brown, Francis L. Skinner, John B. Salsbery, Harvey H. Horton, C. Winston Wade, V. B. Mountcastle, H. C. Simmons, Frank S. Hay.

*World Missions*—Rev. Fred J. Hay, *Chairman.* Ministers: Paul D. Hanna, Charles W. Browning, Jr., W. G. Somerville, Clayton C. Crawford, John W. Young, Wm. Pat Boyle, Floyd E. Hamilton, John M. Reagan, Orlow A. Rusher, Robert W. Rayburn, Richard Orme Flinn, Jr., L. B. Gibbs, Walter K. Maude, Preston O. Startelle, Joseph M. Gammon, Charles DeSanto, Denver S. Blevins, James L. Jackson, B. E. Dotson, R. W. Furkin, Eugene E. Wood. Elders: Dr. R. A. Duvall, Jr., J. B. Watt, Dr. C. Fremont Vale, C. B. Stafford, Albert C. Rose, W. Kent Ford, G. R. Sipe, Tom Chavez, Jr., Louis J. Harrison, C. H. Waller, Paul B. Gray, H. D. Mouzon, George R. Norris, Ralph O. Von Thurn, Frederick W. Evans, J. E. Conner, LeRoy Massengale, Home V. Hack, Jerry Covington, David G. Adams.

*Church Extension*—Rev. E. B. McGukin, *Chairman.* Ministers: F. T. McGill, F. Gault Robertson, Walter S. Crouch, H. P. Ruppenthal, J. David Simpson, Vance A. Gordon, D. A. Swicord, W. L. Smith, Leroy V. Secrest, B. F. Mosely, Bernard A. Sykes, Thomas W. Buchanan, A. R. Craig, W. Chester Keller, James L. Goodwin, T. B. McPheeters, Bridges W. Edwards, Alfred L. Bixler, Henry F. Chesnutt, Ace L. Tubbs, Earl B. Wiggins. Elders: Dr. W. C. Mebane, Wm. B. Carssow, W. M. Gettys, R. B. Miller, Sr., D. C. Rankin, J. Dallas Leith, Quinton D. Edmonds, W. Bruce Montgomery, Jr., Robert L. Gurley, C. E. Birk, Dr. Walter L. Jones, Carroll A. Lewis, John S. Foster, D. C. Baker, Everett Bierman, Wm. R. Willauer, R. C. Andrews, Luther L. Scales, Thomas J. Haydon, A. L. Kenyon, Paul Olle.

*Christian Education*—Rev. Alton H. Glasure, *Chairman.* Ministers: J. McDowell Richards, Sterling J. Edwards, Jr., I. O. Alexander, Harvey R. Overton, Jr., W. Taliaferro Thompson, Elwin H. Roberts, Thos. B. Gallaher, Wm. H. Ramkey, R. D. Nolen, Ira B. Watson, Jr., Walter G. Cook, B. Harrison Taylor, John R. Smith, Henry R. Poole, Harold D. Hayward, F. T. Washburn, Warren J. Conrad, Wm. T. Baker, Ellis G.

Mosley, Chas. F. McRae, Stephen J. Sloop. Elders: R. G. Landolt, Lucien Downey, Ralph C. Caldwell, E. B. Christman, E. L. Colcord, Fielding Clark, H. B. Marrow, C. P. Russell, Horace D. Griffin, W. L. Deuel, Raymond Turpin, H. E. Brewer, L. Harold Dial, W. J. Zeller, Dr. J. H. Irby, W. P. Bittinger, M. D., Marvin A. Turpin, Glenn Ledbetter, E. D. Fredrick, George L. McGill.

*Annuities and Relief*—Mr. John L. Wellford, *Chairman.* Ministers: Joe B. Overmyer, Arthur Vann Gibson, Chas. A. McGirt, Joseph E. Knight, Hugh Robertson, Reuben T. Allen, Jr., Boyd B. Underwood, Hardin A. King, Wentz J. Miller, Walter L. Bader, Marshall J. Pilkenton, Joseph T. Sefcik, Marshall B. Dendy, Richard F. Rouquie, Norman K. Morgan, John A. Troxler, Edgar A. Woods, R. A. Deison, Frank C. Wilkinson, J. L. Imotichey, Howard McK. Wilson. Elders: J. Robert Spencer, L. C. Abel, C. E. Barton, Wm. A. Trolan, Jr., Glenn Anderson, A. B. Covell, D. T. McCoy, Jr., Hans W. Lindorff, Frank W. Reid, Earl C. Hollingsworth, Edwin Morgan, H. B. Emerson, Robert L. Meek, Harry R. Decker, Orville L. Davis, J. Ralston Silling, Frank D. Scott, Robert Watkins, Howard S. Donald, Paul E. Wehrle, Dr. W. H. Hamilton.

*Women's Work*—Rev. R. A. Bolling, *Chairman.* Ministers: Tom A. Davidson, Howard W. Gilkeson, H. Richard Copeland, W. E. Giddens, Jr., Edward Watson, Henry L. Willis, Edward B. Cooper, Robert B. Russell, Paul Mennenoeh, Marion S. Huske, W. W. Preston, S. K. Dodson, Walter Lazenby, Jr., Paul E. Corbett, Jr., E. Z. Bello, Paul K. Buckles, Edward J. Humphrey. Elders: T. A. Sherard, T. J. Gilbert, Julius Moreno, Jr., O. B. Yokum, T. D. McNair, Carl D. Yohe, Glen K. Aust, Gardner Edwards, H. M. Cauley, W. D. Tarvin, Edwin A. West, W. P. Wright, J. H. Dobbins, Samuel M. Brown, J. A. D. Boone, Sam A. Florence, Samuel H. Shrum, Thomas H. Snead.

*Interchurch Relations*—Rev. John F. Anderson, Jr., *Chairman.* Ministers: Daniel B. Churton, David H. Coblentz, Edwin R. Short, Ben F. Moore, B. Hoyt Evans, J. A. McIntyre, Harold G. Odum, J. L. Leos, Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., George C. Bellingrath, Tom B. Anderson, S. R. Diehl, Jan W. Owen, Wm. S. Smythe, Jr., J. I. Knight, R. A. James, Sam C. Patterson, James W. Gunn, T. F. Wallace. Elders: Luther B. Hawkins, John T. Hood, Jr., James C. Davidson, Joe L. Puckett, Sr., E. W. Wood, H. E. Heninger, John H. Butterworth, Jr., Arthur R. Kingdon, Roger H. Penick, Dan Butler, George M. Lawrence, Howard H. Kemp, Arthur Deanhardt, Estes M. Lynn, George Goolsby, Joseph F. Dussault, Nolan McLean, F. H. Calhoun, J. Luther Powell, W. L. Wilkes, E. E. Jones.

*Christian Relations*—Rev. George H. Vick, *Chairman.* Ministers: James B. Garrett, Robert H. Walkup, Pitser M. Lyons, III, Dayton Castleman, Edward L. Hopper, Richard L. Scoggins, George Barker, Everett K. Brown, Wallace A. Rogers, Thomas A. Schafer, Charles W. Rightmyer, Wm. M. Boyce, Jr., David L. Parks, Irving G. Rudolph, Oscar F. Landry, Joseph E. Pringle, Douglas G. Cater, Jerry C. McCann, F. P. Zitzmann. Elders: G. W. Jackson, Erskine W. Wells, John T. Williams, Jesse O. Wimberley, Fred O. Brown, Sam C. Sherwood, James H. Shanklin, Harry H. Sisson, C. Z. Aubuchon, J. R. Johnson, Jr., R. G. Calhoun, Thos. W. Johnson, Nelson S. Towner, M. C. Loy, Ernest Comer, John H. Walker, R. A. (Dick) Morton, Rufus B. Sparks, J. L. Lancaster, Oliver W. McClintock.

*The Minister and His Work*—Rev. Joseph B. Mack, *Chairman.* Ministers: Robert A. Wailes, L. K. Foster, R. M. Armendariz, J. W. Bracey, Richard F. Taylor, Edward R. Rowley, Jr., James T. Young, Wm. D. Brown, L. T. Edgerton, Wm. A. Alexander, James W. Newton, D. Edward Renegar, T. S. Daniel, Daniel Baker, Wm. B. Hood, Wm. P. Anderson, Jr., Wm. T. Kennon, J. S. Sleeper, S. Wylie Hogue, Jr., L. K. Martin. Elders: Robt. S. Newton, C. W. Whitmer, Dr. T. E. Wilson, C M. Shaw, Jr., R. W. Carr, E. Brice Bankhead, D. A. McNeill, G. C. King, S. N. Jones, Lester Sheppard, R. E. Mason, W. D. Lanham, W. W. Crow, P. W. Davenport, J. B. Hatchett, J. Harold Wilson, Harald J. Vennes, Richard E. Dozer, Holmes Simons, Jr., John H. Stephenson.

Rev. J. McDowell Richards introduced to the Assembly Mr. P. D. Miller, Jr., Moderator of the Youth Council of the Assembly. Mr. Miller addressed the Assembly briefly.

### WELCOME

Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, extended a cordial welcome to the Assembly, inviting the ladies present in Montreat to a reception in his home on Friday afternoon.

Following announcements by the Stated Clerk the Assembly adjourned with prayer until 2:30 P. M. Friday.

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## SECOND DAY

### FRIDAY

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met in the Anderson Auditorium with the Moderator presiding.

This session was opened with a worship service led by Rev. Joe B. Overmyer.

At the conclusion of the worship service Rev. John R. Cunningham presented a plaque memorializing the ministry of Rev. James Robert Howerton, the first president of the Mountain Retreat Association. The plaque was accepted on behalf of the Association by Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, who stated that it would be placed at the entrance to Howerton Hall.

The minutes of Thursday night's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following as assistants to the Moderator: Rev. Thomas B. Gallaher, Rev. Guy T. Gillespie, Rev. Marion S. Huske, and Ruling Elders, J. L. Lancaster and T. Mack Blackburn.

Rev. R. L. Scoggins, Rev. Harvey R. Overton, Jr., and Ruling Elder Frank S. Hay, were appointed to serve as the Committee on Thanks.

The Assistant to the Stated Clerk read a telegram from George M. Beltzhoover, Jr., of Winchester, Virginia, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Judicial Business.

### RESOLUTION

Rev. Jonathan Edwards introduced a resolution requesting the appointment of an ad interim committee to study ways and means of securing a more adequate support for retired ministers and a more efficient use of their services. This was referred to the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

Rev. John K. Roberts, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Survey which was adopted. (See Appendix, p. 120.) In accordance with recommendation No. 8, Mr. Ted Pratt, Promotional Director for the Survey, spoke.

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH

Rev. Chas. E. S. Kraemer presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health which was adopted as amended. (See Appendix, pp. 126-132.)

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH

The Assistant to the Stated Clerk presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Educational Program of the Church which was referred to the Ad Interim Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order. (See Appendix, p. 124.)

## REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

The Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr., presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Revision of the Book of Church Order which was adopted. (See Appendix, p. 143.)

## REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MANUAL FOR LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. J. C. Frist presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Manual for Local Church which was recommitted for further study and a more adequate statement, to report to the 1957 General Assembly. (See Appendix, pp. 143-146.)

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON "UNITED" OR "FEDERATED" CHURCHES

A progress report was made by the Ad Interim Committee on "United" or "Federated" Churches, and a request that the Committee be continued. The request was granted. (See Appendix, p. 146.)

This completed the docket for this session. Upon motion, the docket of Saturday afternoon was taken up.

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Edward G. Lilly presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Position of Women in the Church. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the report. The hour of adjournment being near, action on the report was suspended until Saturday.

## RESOLUTION

Ruling Elder V. B. Mountcastle presented a resolution which set forth the invitation to the Churches dating back to the Colonial Period to participate in the religious phases of the Jamestown Observance and requesting the General Assembly to participate in same. This was referred to the Standing Committee on the General Council.

The Assembly recessed with prayer to meet at 7:30 p.m.

### MEMORIAL TO REV. R. C. ANDERSON

Immediately after taking recess the members of the Assembly gathered on the Auditorium grounds for the unveiling of a tablet in memory of Rev. R. C. Anderson, President of the Mountain Retreat Association from 1911-47. Ruling Elder F. L. Jackson, for many years a member of the Board of Directors of the Association, presided over the service.

### EVENING SESSION

7:30 p.m.

The Assembly met in Anderson Auditorium for a program presented by the Board of Christian Education. The presentation consisted of a film strip with narration in sound depicting the work of the Department of Family Education of the Division of Religious Education and the Division of Higher Education.

The Assembly adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

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## THIRD DAY

## SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.

The Assembly met in Anderson Auditorium and was led in a worship service by Rev. John F. Anderson, Jr. The Stated Clerk read the Necrological List and the Assembly was led in a memorial prayer by Rev. Vernon S. Broyles. Jr.

The Minutes of Friday's sessions were read and approved as corrected.

### RESOLUTION

Rev. J. McDowell Richards introduced a resolution requesting that an ad interim committee be appointed to study the matter of our system of exchange of pastorates. The resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work.

### RESOLUTION

Rev. Edward J. Humphrey introduced a resolution requesting the appointment of an ad interim committee to study the status of the Board of Women's Work in its relation to the organizational structure of the Assembly's Boards and Agencies. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Women's Work.

The Assembly resumed the docket as of the previous day's session with discussion of the motion to adopt the report of the Ad Interim Committee on the Position of Women in the Church. The recommendations were considered seriatim. Recommendation Number One was adopted by voice vote. Recommendation Number Two was adopted after a call for division. The vote was 234 for; 226 against.

The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See Appendix, pp. 138-142.)

The Assembly took recess after prayer by the Moderator.

## EVENING SESSION

7:30 P.M.

The Assembly gathered in Anderson Auditorium to hear a popular program in behalf of the General Fund Agencies and a presentation of emphasis on the "Forward With Christ" program by the General Council.

Rev. David H. Edington, member of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, presided over the General Fund Program. Representatives from the seven General Fund Agencies were introduced and spoke briefly. They were: Rev. Chas. E. S. Kraemer, The Assembly's Training School; Mr. Roy I. Madsen, The American Bible Society; Mrs. Leighton McCutchen, The Board of Women's Work; Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, The Mountain Retreat Association; Rev. Thomas H. Spence, The Historical Foundation; Dr. J. Fara Van Meter, The General Council; and Mr. F. Burt Vardeman, Stillman College.

At the conclusion of the General Fund program Rev. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk, and Mrs. Scott were presented a gift from the Assembly as a token of esteem and affection marking the completion of twenty years of faithful and sacrificial service.

The General Council's presentation of the "Forward With Christ" Program was presided over by Rev. B. O. Wood, Chairman of the Standing Committee on the General Council. Rev. Harvey R. Overton, Jr., Rev. A. B. Montgomery, Jr., Rev. John F. Anderson, Jr., and Rev. Emmett B. McGukin spoke on "What the 'Forward With Christ' Program Means to My Church." The evening's session was closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Bob S. Hodges, Jr.

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## SUNDAY

While the Assembly was not in session on the Sabbath Day, attention is called to the services which were held.

1. The Assembly gathered in Anderson Auditorium for morning worship and the Assembly Communion Service. The Moderator presided over the hour of worship. Rev. William B. Moseley read the Scripture: Isaiah, Chapter 52, verse 13, through Chapter 53. Rev. Stephen J. Sloop preached the sermon on the subject, "Greater Works to the Greater Glory of God."

At the Communion Service the elements were administered by Rev. Arthur Vann Gibson and Rev. George A. Nickles. Ruling Elders serving were: W. W. Crow, Horace D. Griffin, John P. Glass, Nolan McLean, Frank Reid, Roger S. Warren, H. E. Barkley, W. C. Hale, L. C. Abel, Carl D. Yohe, Luther B. Hawkins, Joseph F. Dissault, J. L. Brown, C. Fremont Vale, M.D., A. L. Kenyon, Alexander S. Moffett, Glenn Ledbetter, Raymond Turpin, Earl C. Hollingsworth, Dr. Walter L. Jones, Samuel M. Broom, W. L. Wilkes, Shelby J. Pope, R. G. Landolt, James H. Shanklin, John A. Fulton, Richard E. Dozer, Lucien Downey, Judge John T. Hood, Jr., R. E. Thomas, John T. Williams, Maurice R. Black, J. E. Conner, E. W. Wood, Paul C. Cato, J. R. Johnson, Jr., H. E. Heninger, Orville L. Davis, Dr. T. E. Wilson, C. Z. Aubuchon, Sanford Weaver, Edwin A. West, C. P. Lowrance, R. G. Calhoun, Robert E. McNeill, H. S. Loy, T. Q. Howe, T. M. Barnhardt, Jr., H. C. Simmons, Dr. W. C. Mebane, Lester Sheppard, George Goolsby, R. A. Morton, Robert L. Fienning, George L. McGill, Frank S. Hay, W. W. Plowden, W. M.

Gettys, Howard H. Kemp, A. M. McDonald, Holmes Simons, Jr., R. F. Fleming, John H. Butterworth, John B. Salsbery, R. E. Mason, Thos. W. Johnson, H. D. Mouzon, J. Robert Spencer, Estes Lynn, L. Harold Dial, Tom Chavez, Jr., J. Dallas Leith, C. Winston Wade, William A. Trolan, Jr., R. B. Foster, Dr. J. H. Irby, J. L. Lancaster, Gilbert S. Rannells, Arthur R. Kingdon, R. F. Currence and Paul E. Wehrle.

2. At 3:00 p.m. Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations, presided over a service at which fraternal greetings were brought from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod by Rev. L. P. Knox, from the United Presbyterian Church of North America by Rev. Robert H. Mayo, and from the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America by Rev. Glenn W. Moore.

3. At the hour of Evening Worship the Assembly met in a service presided over by the Moderator. This service marked the observance, by the Assembly, of the Centennial of the birth of Woodrow Wilson. It was featured by an address by Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, Professor of History at Davidson College, on the subject, "Woodrow Wilson, the Realist."

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## FOURTH DAY

### MORNING SESSION

Monday, June 4, 1956

The Assembly met at 8:30 o'clock and was led in a worship service by Rev. John C. McQueen, Jr.

At the invitation of the Moderator, Rev. Tom Gallaher called the meeting to order and presided.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved as corrected.

The Stated Clerk read a telegram of greetings from the Christian Family Life Conference of the Synod of Alabama.

J. J. Deifell, President of the Assembly's Men's Council, and J. W. Baldwin, President of the Synod of Texas Men of the Church, were presented to the Assembly.

### RESOLUTION

Rev. L. B. Gibbs presented the following resolution which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the Assembly request that the magnificent address delivered by Dr. Frontis Johnston, on "Woodrow Wilson, the Realist," be printed so that it will be permanently available to the Church.

### RESOLUTION

Ruling Elder W. D. Moore presented a resolution requesting consideration by the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly of the possibility of altering the program of the meetings of the Assembly by the elimination of the popular meetings. The resolution was referred to the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

The Stated Clerk called the attention of the Assembly to the changes in the Book of Church Order that would be necessary to implement the adop-

tion of recommendation number Two of the report of the Ad Interim Committee to Study the Position of Women in the Church and that the exact wording of said proposed changes would have to be sent down to the presbyteries.

The General Assembly approved the amendments to the Book of Church Order which, if enacted, will permit churches desiring to do so to elect women as Ruling Elders and Deacons. They were ordered sent to the presbyteries for advice and consent and are as follows:

Par. 31. Add the following section:

"If any particular church, by a majority vote at a congregational meeting called for the purpose, wishes to elect women to the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon, this may be done."

In Paragraphs 42, 46, 61, 72, 88, 102, 152, 153, 154, 155, 157, 253 and 304: insert feminine nouns or pronouns as may be necessary to bring these paragraphs into conformity with proposed amendment to Paragraph 31.

In Paragraph 105 substitute "person" for "man" in third line.

The Moderator took the chair.

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY EDUCATION OF LAY WORKERS

The report of the Ad Interim Committee to Study Education of Lay Workers was read by the Stated Clerk and was adopted (See Appendix, page 143).

## REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

Rev. Donald G. Miller, Chairman, presented the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage which was adopted (See Appendix, pp. 132-137).

The General Assembly approved the following proposed amendments to the Confession of Faith and ordered them sent to the presbyteries for advice and consent:

1. That title of Chapter XXVI be changed to read "Of Marriage" (deleting "and Divorce").

2. That paragraphs V and VI be deleted. These paragraphs are as follows:

"V. Adultery or fornication, committed after a contract, being detected before marriage, giveth just occasion to the innocent party to dissolve that contract. In the case of adultery after marriage, it is lawful for the innocent party to sue out a divorce, and after the divorce to marry another, as if the offending party were dead.

"VI. Although the corruption of man be such as is apt to study arguments, unduly to put asunder those whom God hath joined together in marriage; yet nothing but adultery, or such willful desertion as can no way be remedied by the Church or civil magistrate, is cause sufficient of dissolving the bond of marriage: wherein a public and orderly course of proceeding is to be observed; and the persons concerned in it, not left to their own wills and discretion in their own case."

Mr. Bluford Hestir, Director of Publicity of the General Council, presented the members of the Press present at this meeting of the Assembly. They were: SECULAR PRESS: George Duggan, *New York Times;* William Howland, *Time* and *Life,* Inc.; Howard Crisswell, *Associated Press;* Douglas Reed, *Asheville Citizen;* Roy Covington, *Charlotte Observer;* Miss Helen Parks, *Charlotte News;* Rev. Paul Corbett, *Memphis Commercial Appeal,* and Miss Ann Solomon, *Atlanta Journal.* CHURCH PRESS: Rev.

William McElroy, *Christian Observer;* Rev. Aubrey Brown, *Presbyterian Outlook;* Rev. Henry Dendy and Rev. John R. Richardson, *Southern Presbyterian Journal;* Mr. William Thompson and Mr. Ted Pratt, *Presbyterian Survey;* Miss Pearl Weathers and Miss Ruby Sloan, *Presbyterian News Service.*

Rev. David H. Edington, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES

There were placed in the hands of the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures the following documents:

Overtures 1-9, 33, 38 and 46.

We report the recommended disposition of these matters as follows:

(1) In response to overture 1, regarding the adoption of an official seal, we recommend that the General Assembly officially adopt the seal used on publications by the Board of Christian Education as the official seal of the Church.

(2) In response to overture 2, with reference to providing a uniform church emblem for highway publicizing, we recommend that the Assembly approve the idea and instruct the Board of Christian Education to implement it.

(3) In response to overture 3, concerning a study of existing agencies, we recommend that the General Council be charged with the responsibility for this study and report any recommended adjustments to the next meeting of the General Assembly.

(4) In response to overtures 4-8, and 46, with reference to the appointment of an Ad Interim Committee to study the advisability of concentrating all Assembly Agencies at one point within the Church, we offer the following statement and recommendation by unanimous vote of our Committee:

> Having heard representatives of Presbyterian Properties of Atlanta, Georgia, and having heard representatives from the Boards involved discuss the advisability of such a study, and also having reviewed carefully recommendations of Ad Interim Committees on which previous Assemblies have taken definite action concerning this matter, we feel that no further study is justified, and therefore recommend that these overtures be answered in the negative.

(5) In response to overture 9, concerning a study with reference to the Biblical doctrine of the nature and function of the Church, and overture 38, with reference to affiliate membership for Service Personnel, we recommend that these matters be referred by the General Assembly to its Ad Interim Committee now charged with the Revision of the Book of Church Order.

(6) In response to overture 33, requesting clarification concerning the reporting of ruling elders and deacons in statistical reports of sessions, we offer the following statement for approval by the Assembly:

> Statistical reports of Sessions should record only active elders and deacons, the word "*active*" signifying those who have the right to vote as members of the Session or Diaconate at the time of reporting.

Respectfully submitted,
D. H. EDINGTON, JR., *Chairman*
DAN F. GOODWIN, JR., *Secretary*

Ruling Elder John A. Fulton, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Judicial Business which was adopted and is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BUSINESS

The Committee had referred to it the following matters:

1. The votes of the presbyteries on the proposed amendment to paragraph 80 of The Book of Church Order.

2. Report of Permanent Nominating Committee relative to the Permanent Judicial Committee.

3. Overtures 10-15.

4. Report of the Permanent Judicial Committee.

5. The official minutes of the sixteen synods.

6. A communication from Rev. Thomas B. Hoover relative to the report of a Judicial Commission in the minutes of the Synod of South Carolina.

7. A telegraphic communication from George Beltzhoover relative to the position of our Church on the matter of diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican.

The Committee would wish to state that the commissioners assigned to your Committee were present and active in all matters considered.

1. The vote of the presbyteries on the proposed amendment to paragraph 80 of the Book of Church Order is as follows: Approved, 77; Disapproved, 7; Not Voting, 1.

We recommend the enactment of the amendment which received the required affirmative majority vote and which is as follows:

> Add the following clause to the first sentence: "except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional Ruling Elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof." The amended paragraph will then read as follows:
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> "The Synod consists of all the Ministers and one Ruling Elder from each church in a district comprising at least three Presbyteries, except that a church whose membership exceeds 1,000 shall be represented by an additional Ruling Elder for each additional 1,000 or major fraction thereof. The qualifications for membership in the Synod and the Presbytery are the same."

2. We recommend the election of the nominees of the Permanent Nominating Committee to the Permanent Judicial Committee of the General Assembly as follows:

Class of 1959: Rev. Charles E. S. Kraemer
Rev. Alton H. Glasure
Mr. Robert G. Kennington

3. We recommend that overture 10 from the Presbytery of Atlanta, relative to adding a provision in the Form of Call for a stated vacation period for the minister, be referred to the Ad Interim Committee on Revision of the Book of Church Order with the further recommendation that the proposed phrase contained in the overture be inserted in paragraph 131 of the Book of Church Order.

4. We recommend that overture 11 from the Presbytery of New Orleans, relative to amendments to paragraphs 115, 116 of the Book of Church Order, be referred to the Ad Interim Committee on the Revision of the Book of Church Order.

5. We recommend that overture 12 from the Presbytery of Brazos, relative to the convening of Sessions and requesting a definition of the word "emergency" in paragraph 62, be answered as follows:

> By virtue of the provisions of paragraphs 61, 62 and 66 of the Book of Church Order, a duly constituted meeting of the Session consists of the Minister of the church and the Ruling Elders. It shall only be called by the Minister or the Presbytery, unless the Minister is necessarily absent and an emergency arises requiring immediate action. Paragraph 62 of the Book of Church Order adequately covers the matter of an "emergency" by the qualifying phrase contained therein, namely "requiring immediate action."
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> In addition, we recommend that the General Assembly ask our churches in these

times of tension to observe not only the letter of the law in this regard but also the spirit thereof.

6. We recommend that overture 13 from the Presbytery of Red River, relative to the status of a "retired member" in the local church, be answered as follows:

To the degree that the overture concerns retired lay members of the local church the matter is adequately covered in paragraphs 150, 158 and 304 Book of Church Order. If the overture seeks to clarify the status of retired members of Presbytery, i.e., a minister, we recommend that the Assembly answer the overture by advising that a retired minister, per se, has no official status with the local church.

7. We recommend that overture 14 from the Presbytery of Brazos, relative to the authority of Presbytery to commission an evangelist to organize a church, be answered as follows:

The existing relevant paragraphs of the Book of Church Order, 26 and 38, adequately cover the question posed by the overture. An evangelist may be commissioned to organize a church.

8. We recommend that overture 15 from the Synod of Tennessee, requesting clarification of the answer of the 1953 General Assembly to overture 12, relative to whether presbytery may require a session to make a report directly to a Board or Agency, be answered as follows:

We reaffirm the action of the 1953 Assembly that a presbytery cannot require a session to report directly to any court or body other than presbytery. It may request that reports be sent directly to a Board or Agency, and if any church declines to comply with such request, presbytery can require that the report be made to the Stated Clerk of presbytery and he can then forward it.

9. The recommendations and suggestions of the Permanent Judicial Committee were received by your Committee as information and utilized in replying to the above overtures.

10. The minutes of the synods were examined in the light of the provisions of the Book of Church Order, and we recommend the approval of same with the following exceptions:

SYNOD OF TEXAS: A more careful proof-reading is needed.

SYNOD OF MISSISSIPPI:

a. A more careful proof-reading is needed.
b. Format and organization of material need improvement.

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

The minutes do not comply with paragraph 95 of the Book of Church Order in that they do not set forth a full statement of the facts upon which a conclusion was reached by a Judicial Commission on the complaint of Mr. Hoover.

We recommend that the Assembly call attention of the synods to the importance of good English usage and proper terminology, and also to the desirability of attractive format for the official minutes of the synods.

11. We recommend that the communication of the Rev. Thomas Hoover be received as information and that the Synod of South Carolina be directed to include in their official minutes for the year 1956 a full statement of the facts upon which judgment was rendered by the Judicial Commission of the Synod that heard the complaint of Rev. Thomas B. Hoover, as directed by paragraph 95, Book of Church Order.

12. We recommend that the telegraphic communication, relative to the diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican, be received as information and that the Assembly reaffirm its historic position regarding the separation of church and state and that the matter be referred to the Division of Christian Relations of the Board of Church Extension, and they be authorized to make appropriate communications to the proper governmental authorities at such time as they shall deem necessary, advising such authorities of the previous pronouncements of our Church on this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. FULTON, *Chairman*
J. HARVEY GLASS, *Secretary*

Rev. Frederick H. Olert, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly which was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Recommendations*

I. Overtures 16, 17 and 45 request the restoration of the Pastor's Salary Column in the Statistical Report. We recommend that the overtures be answered in the negative. Where needed this information is available. It can be secured from the office of Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work.

II. Overture 18 asks that filling a partial term on the Board of Christian Education not count against the limit of three successive terms. Communications from the Board of World Missions and the Board of Church Extension contain a similar request. We recommend that the overtures be answered in the negative. The principle of rotation with a nine-year limit ought to be preserved, especially since the Boards are authorized to secure the presence and counsel of anyone whose advice is considered significant.

III. That the following recommendations from the report of the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be adopted:

1. That a proposed statistical blank containing Budgeted and non Budgeted contributions with Assembly, synod and presbytery totals and an alphabetical listing of the churches according to postoffices be adopted as the form for the Statistical Report of the Presbytery to the General Assembly.
2. That each Clerk of Session throughout the Assembly be urged to secure a copy of the new book "The Office of Clerk of Session" as a guide for the conduct of his office and the carrying out of its duties.
3. That the Manual of the Permanent Committee be corrected to read as follows: *Section Three.* I, 1, D. Committee on Nominations be changed to read *Committee on Nominations and Invitations* and that the following be added as paragraphs (3) and (4).
   (3) Receiving through reference all invitations for the Meeting of the General Assembly and reporting with recommendations as to the time and place of the next meeting.
   (4) In the case of no invitations being in hand it shall be the responsibility of this Committee to make recommendations for such arrangements as may be necessary to entertain the next Meeting of the General Assembly.
4. That the budget for the General Assembly in 1956 be $108,000.
5. That the per capita tax for 1957 remain at 16c.
6. That the 1957 issue of the Minutes be published in one volume for the following reasons:
   (1) The earlier meeting of the Assembly will cause too short an interval between the publishing of Parts I and II.
   (2) The time element makes it very difficult to edit and publish the Blue Book and Part II of the Minutes prior to the meeting of the General Assembly.

IV. We recommend that the Treasurer's books of the following Boards and Agencies, having been audited by public accounting firms, be approved:

(1) Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
(2) Treasurer of the General Assembly. Equalization Fund of the General Assembly. The General Fund. Fund of Treasurer of Interchurch Agencies.
(3) The Board of World Missions
(4) The Board of Church Extension
(5) The Board of Christian Education
(6) The Board of Annuities and Relief
(7) The General Council
(8) The Assembly's Training School
(9) The Mountain Retreat Association
(10) The Historical Foundation

(11) Stillman College
(12) The Presbyterian Survey
(13) Board of Women's Work

V. We recommend that each commissioner to the 1956 General Assembly make a careful inspection of the Historical Foundation exhibit; that the thanks of the Assembly be extended to all those who have made contributions, either of funds or effort, to the Foundation during the past year; that the churches of the Assembly be encouraged to avail themselves of the services of the Foundation.

VI. We recommend that the Presbyterian Book Stores carry in stock the Ministerial Directory and cooperate with the office of Stated Clerk in more aggressively promoting the sale of same.

VII. We recommend that the nominees suggested by the Permanent Nominating Committee be elected as follows:

*Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly*

Whose terms expire in 1959:

Rev. H. Kerr Taylor, Rev. W. B. Clemmons, Rev. David H. Edington, David Givens, J. Edward Faucette, W. Edwin Hemphill

Whose term expires in 1957:

Mrs. Ross B. Parker of Charleston, West Virginia, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Archie C. Smith in the Class of 1957

*Trustees of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States and Presbyterian Foundation, Inc.*

Whose terms expire in 1959:

F. L. Jackson, Rev. W. H. Hopper, Ivey Stewart

*Trustees of Historical Foundation*

Whose terms expire in 1959:

Rev. W. T. McElroy, Mrs. Shirley Boykin, L. Young White

VIII. In response to the resolution which was placed in our hands, we recommend that the program of the General Assembly be streamlined by replacing the promotional programs with business sessions or inspirational services; And that the Permanent Committee on the Office of General Assembly working with the Program Committee for the 1957 Assembly give consideration to the following possibilities:

(a) That inspirational meetings during the Assembly's convocation utilize Sunday more fully.
(b) That speakers and Bible teachers of outstanding ability be secured.
(c) That Standing Committees may more effectively meet at other than morning hours.

IX. We recommend that the General Assembly approve the report of the Permanent Committee on Nominations covering the *Manual and By-Laws for the Permanent Committee on Nominations* (See Appendix, pp. 158-160).

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK OLERT, *Chairman*
NORMAN KREBBS, *Secretary*

On the invitation of the Moderator Rev. G. T. Gillespie took the chair.

Rev. Joseph Mack, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work which was adopted. It is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The following matters were referred to this Standing Committee:

I. The report of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work
II. The Minutes of the Assembly's Committee
III. A resolution from the floor of the Assembly

I. The Standing Committee approves the following recommendations of the Assembly's Committee:

1. That overture 56 submitted to the 1955 General Assembly, requesting a change in the Book of Church Order, paragraph 96, section 4, relating to the Commission on the Minister and His Work and referred by the 1955 Assembly to the Permanent Committee on the Minister and His Work for study and recommendation, be answered in the negative.

2. That the Commissions on the Minister and His Work explain their functions as soon as possible to presbyteries and to sessions of churches.

3. That Commissions on the Minister and His Work be advised of the wisdom in dealing with certain matters brought to their attention of referring such matters to the presbytery with recommendation that the presbytery appoint special judicial commissions to handle these matters.

4. That every church have training courses annually for its church officers.

5. That Commissions on the Minister and His Work be reminded of the differences between Occasional Supplies, Temporary Supplies and Stated Supplies and that the definitions stated in paragraph 126, Book of Church Order, be observed.

6. That recommendations (1) and (2) on page 155, 1953 General Assembly Minutes, again be called to the attention of churches, Commissions on the Minister and His Work and presbyteries. These recommendations read:

> "(1) That before a Commission on the Minister and His Work suggests or recommends a minister in another denomination for a pastorless church within the Presbyterian Church, U.S., it first shall have obtained the usual objective data about that minister from the office of the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work.
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> "(2) That before a nominating committee of a pastorless church nominates to the congregation for a call a minister in another denomination it first shall have obtained objective data about the minister either from the Commission on the Minister and His Work of the Presbytery, or from the office of the Assembly's Committee."

The 1955 Assembly again called this matter to the attention of presbyteries and requested: "That every Commission observe this action and that presbyteries do not approve calls wherein this procedure has not been followed." (Page 157, 1955 Minutes.) The actions of the previous General Assemblies were intended as safeguards for our churches and presbyteries.

7. That Commissions on the Minister and His Work and nominating committees of pastorless churches avail themselves of the film strip which has been produced by the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work.

8. That the General Assembly continue its approval of alternating annual regional and synod conferences on the Minister and His Work.

9. That the General Assembly again request synods and presbyteries to provide for the expenses of their representatives to regional and synod conferences.

10. That the General Assembly make an appropriation in the amount of $17,921.60 to the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work for the year 1956.

II. The Minutes of the Assembly's Committee were read, and found in order, and were approved.

III. The following resolution was referred to your committee:

> WHEREAS it is desirable under the Presbyterian System that there be opportunity for ministers to change the field of their pastoral labors at reasonable intervals, and
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> WHEREAS many ministers today are experiencing difficulty in making such changes, with the result that both the ministers and the congregations concerned are prevented from rendering their most effective service;
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> THEREFORE be it resolved that this General Assembly, through its Moderator, appoint an Ad Interim Committee consisting of at least five persons to study this matter, to seek suggestions from qualified individuals throughout the Church, and to report to the next General Assembly, making such recommendations concerning our system for exchange of pastorates as it deems wise and practicable.

Inasmuch as the Assembly has a Permanent Committee on the subject contained in this resolution, it is recommended that this resolution be referred to the Permanent Committee on the Minister and His Work for study and report to the 1957 Assembly.

IV. The Standing Committee also recommends:

1. That presbyteries again call the attention of their churches to paragraph 129 of the Book of Church Order and with particular reference to the sentence therein which reads: "Both the nominations of the Committee and nominations from the floor must have been previously submitted to the Commission on the Minister and His Work."

2. That the General Assembly express its deep and sincere appreciation of the Executive Secretary of Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, Mr. R. Graham White, for so handling the delicate matters entrusted to the Committee, that his office has gained the respect and confidence of the ministers and churches.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH B. MACK, *Chairman*
D. EDWARD RENEGAR, *Secretary*

Ruling Elder John Wellford presented the report of the Standing Committee on Annuities and Relief which was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

There were referred to the Committee the following:

1. The Annual Report of the Board of Annuities and Relief.
2. The Minutes of the Board of Annuities and Relief.
3. Overture 34 from the Presbytery of Fayetteville.
4. Nominations relative to the Board of Annuities and Relief.
5. A resolution from Rev. Jonathan Edwards of Lexington Presbytery concerning the activities and remuneration of retired ministers.

We recommend:

I. The adoption of the following recommendations from the report of the Board of Annuities and Relief:

1. That the Assembly call the attention of the presbyteries to the fact that the Ministers' Annuity Fund is the Official Plan of the Church, and that through membership in it ministers are enabled, during the years of their active service, to make provision for themselves and their dependents for the years of their retirement.

2. That the Assembly request the presbyteries to urge that young ministers and ministers received from other denominations establish membership in the Fund immediately after their reception into the presbytery.

3. That the Assembly remind all churches, Church agencies and institutions that they are expected to share the cost of membership in the fund in accordance with the Official Plan.

4. That the Assembly again urge that all churches and committees, in determining the bases for the payment of dues to the Ministers' Annuity Fund, add 15% to all sources of salary for the free use of the manse, if any, regardless of ownership, in order that ministers may build larger earned annuities.

5. That the Assembly commend again to all churches and Church agencies and to nonministerial employees of the Church the benefits of membership in the Employees' Annuity Fund and urge participation in it.

6. That the Assembly urge all churches and Church agencies to make available to their full-time salaried personnel the insurance coverage offered under the Group Life and Hospitalization Insurance plan which was adopted by the General Assembly.

7. That the Assembly remind the synods, the presbyteries and churches that the contribution to the Board of the full share of the budgeted benevolences askings is a necessity, if the aged ministers of our Church and their dependents are to have provision made for their minimum needs.

8. That the Assembly urge again a generous Joy Gift offering on the part of all organizations of all churches, since it is a major source of income with which the Board ministers to the aged servants of the Church.

9. That the Assembly authorize the Board to continue to use a portion of the funds

of Ministerial Relief to supplement the inadequate annuities in the meeting of emergencies in the lives of annuitants, taking into consideration their other sources of income.

10. That the Assembly request the presbytery chairmen of Annuities and Relief to advise the Board of emergency situations in the lives of our retired ministers and their dependents.

II. That overture 34 from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, relative to the review of the Board of Annuities and Relief in granting aid and relief as it relates particularly to the will of Mrs. Kate Bitting Reynolds of North Carolina, be answered in the negative.

III. That the Assembly approve the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee which nominates to the Class of 1959 on the Board of Annuities and Relief, Mr. Linton E. Allen, Rev. W. A. Benfield, Jr., Mr. Philip F. Howerton, Mr. Jack L. Oliver, Rev. James L. Fowle, and Mr. A. A. McKeithan.

IV. That the Assembly approve the Rev. W. E. Phifer, Jr., as the representative of the Board of Annuities and Relief on the General Council.

V. That the Assembly approve the financial statement of the Board for the year ending December 31, 1955.

VI. That the Assembly answer the resolution of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Lexington Presbytery, concerning the activities and remuneration of retired ministers by instructing the proper sub-committee of the Board of Annuities and Relief to reconsider and redefine the basis of membership in the Minister's Annuity Fund.

VII. That the Minutes of the Board of Annuities and Relief be approved.

VIII. That the General Assembly commend the diligence of the Staff of the Board of Annuities and Relief and that the Assembly express its continued confidence in the leadership of this Board.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN L. WELLFORD, *Chairman*

Ruling Elder James C. Smith, alternate for Dr. J. H. Irby of the Presbytery of Roanoke, was enrolled. It became necessary for Dr. Irby to leave the Assembly.

The hour of recess being at hand the Assembly stood in recess with prayer, to meet at 2:00 p.m.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Assembly reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and was led in a worship service by Rev. Alton H. Glasure.

Rev. John F. Anderson, Jr., Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations which was adopted. It is as follows:

### THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

I. The following communications were placed in the hands of the Committee:

1. A letter from the Executive Secretary of the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches.
2. Two letters from the North American Secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance.
3. Overtures numbered: 28, 29, 35-7, 50.
4. The report of the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations.
5. The Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to representatives

to the National Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, North American Area of the World Presbyterian Alliance and the Lord's Day Alliance.

6. Nominations of the synods and Board of Women's Work for the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations divided into classes.

II. Speakers for the Sunday afternoon program of the Permanent Committee were the following fraternal delegates:

For U.S.A. Presbyterian Church, Dr. Glenn W. Moore, New York.
For U.P. Church, Rev. Robert H. Mayo, New Castle, Pennsylvania.
For A.R.P. Church, Rev. L. P. Knox, Gastonia, North Carolina.

III. The following nominations are made:

1. Representatives to the National Council of Churches:
   Dr. Donald C. Agnew, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. James Ross McCain, class of 1957, and Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, to fill the unexpired term of Col. Powell Fraser, class of 1957.
2. Representatives to the World Council of Churches:
   Principals: Rev. David L. Stitt, class of 1959
   Dr. J. C. Roberts, class of 1959.
   Alternates: Rev. Olof Anderson
   Mr. Frank Lynn.
3. World Alliance of Reformed Churches:
   Principal: Mrs. Ronald S. Wilson
   Alternate: Mrs. Douglas Wilkinson.
4. Lord's Day Alliance:
   Rev. A. R. Bird, Sr.; Rev. R. T. L. Liston.
5. Theological Committee of World Presbyterian Alliance:
   Additional representative: Dr. John N. Thomas, principal, and Dr. Felix B. Gear, alternate.

IV. Recommendations:

1. That the Report of the Permanent Committee, Sections B, C, D and E, be received as information and printed in the minutes. (See Appendix, pp. 148-157.)
2. That the Manual of the Permanent Committee be adopted. (See Appendix, pp. 146-148.)
3. That the nominations of the Synods and Board of Women's Work for members of the Permanent Committees be ratified in the following classes:

   *Class of 1956:*
   Rev. W. M. Elliott, Jr. (Texas)
   Rev. G. T. Gillespie (Mississippi)
   Member to be nominated by Synod of North Carolina
   Rev. J. C. Ruffin (Arkansas)
   Rev. John M. Crowell (Alabama)
   Rev. J. Martin Singleton (Oklahoma)

   *Class of 1957:*
   Rev. Wade H. Boggs (Louisiana), *Chairman*
   Rev. Walter R. Courtenay (Tennessee)
   (Board of Women's Work)
   Mr. R. E. Kell (Appalachia)
   Rev. John S. McMullen (Missouri), *Secretary*
   Rev. C. E. Piephoff (Georgia)

   *Class of 1958:*
   Rev. Harry H. Bryan (West Virginia)
   Judge J. A. Fulton (Kentucky)
   Rev. U. S. Gordon (Florida)
   Mr. John H. Martin (South Carolina)
   Rev. Donald G. Miller (Virginia)
4. That the Permanent Committee name seven representatives of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., to the North American Study Conference of the World Council of Churches at Oberlin, Ohio, September 3-10, 1957, and that their expenses be paid from the Office of the General Assembly.

5. That the Permanent Committee be instructed to study and make recommendations to the 1957 Assembly regarding continued financial support of the Lord's Day Alliance.
6. That overtures 28, 29, 35-37 and 50 be answered in the negative.
7. That the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations be instructed to:
   a. Investigate the specific charges made or implied in overtures 28, 29, 35-7, 50, submitted to the 1956 Assembly, and any other specific charges of a related nature submitted to the Permanent Committee on or before November 15, 1956;
   b. Make a further study of the advantages and disadvantages of membership of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches;
   c. Submit to the 1957 Assembly a complete report of such investigations and study with its recommendations.
8. That, since Sunday, October 28, has been designated as Reformation Day, pastors and church leaders make full use of this occasion to remind our people, and especially our young people, of the imperishable values of our Protestant heritage, and that the suggested general theme for sermons and addresses be: "The Protestant Reformation and Christian Higher Education."
9. That the Assembly express its appreciation to the General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., the United Presbyterian Church, and the Synod of the A.R.P. Church for sending their fraternal delegates to this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN F. ANDERSON, JR., *Chairman*
JAN OWEN, *Secretary*

On the invitation of the Moderator Rev. Marion S. Huske took the chair.

Rev. R. A. Bolling, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Women's Work which was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

Referred to this Committee were the following:

1. The Report of the Board of Women's Work.
2. The Minutes of the Board.
3. Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relative to the Board of Women's Work.
4. Recommendation No. 12 in report of General Council.

The Committee heard an oral summary of the 44th Annual Report of the Board of Women's Work by Mrs. Leighton McCutchen, Executive Secretary of the Board, Miss Louise A. Davidson, retiring Chairman of the Board, and Mrs. A. R. Craig, newly elected Chairman of the Board.

Other members of the Board, Staff and of the Women's Advisory Council were present and spoke to the Committee.

The Committee calls to the attention of the General Assembly these items in their report for 1955: 3,308 churches have Women of the Church groups; 35 of these in newly organized churches; 339,198 members; $3,534,833 total gifts—of which two-thirds went to benevolences; an increase of one hundred thousand dollars.

We congratulate the Board on having secured the services of Mrs. McCutchen to take the place of Dr. McGaughey, and we earnestly pray God's rich blessing on her and her work.

We appreciate the efforts of the Women of the Church to keep their work in its right relation to the General Assembly and its program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. That the General Assembly note the resignation of Dr. Janie McGaughey and commend her in the words of the resolution presented by the Board of Women's Work as follows:

WHEREAS, after twenty-nine years of service as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Women's Work and at the head of Women's Work in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Miss Janie W. McGaughey tendered her resignation; and

WHEREAS, her leadership was characterized by deep consecration, untiring loyalty to duty, a loving personality and sympathetic understanding; and

WHEREAS, her ever-broadening knowledge of the work and needs of the Church, her vision to keep abreast of the times, her ability to challenge and inspire others to greater effort and devotion; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership the Women's Work had an unprecedented growth in both organization and program; and

WHEREAS, the influence of her consecrated Christian character, her charming and radiant personality and her loyal and capable leadership will be felt in the years to come; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Women's Work hereby express their sincere appreciation and that a copy of this resolution be included in the Report of the Standing Committee.

II. That the following recommendations be adopted:

1. That the Assembly approve the election of Mrs. L. M. McCutchen as Executive Secretary of the Board of Women's Work for a term of three years.
2. That the election for a term of three years of the following staff members of the Board of Women's Work be approved:
   as Treasurer and Secretary of Business and Finance Division—Miss Mary S. Quidor
   as Secretary of Program Division—Miss Evelyn L. Green
3. That every woman of the Church consider the place of her influence by example in home and community; and that women be called to seriously consider their stewardship of time and influence in guiding the children and youth in Christian faith and practice.
4. That every local group maintain a visitation program that will keep all inactive women in touch with active Christian women that together they may find joy in serving Christ through His Church.
5. That women in every church plan to reach every woman of the community where the church is located, who is without a church affiliation locally, with an invitation to share their fellowship and serve Christ through their church.
6. That we call to the attention of the Assembly the fact that increasingly sessions and diaconates are including women as voting members of their congregational committees or councils as a means of co-ordinating the activities of the congregation, and that this practice be commended by the General Assembly, and pastors and elders be urged to take the initiative in this matter.
7. That the women of every local church be encouraged to participate fully in the plans, which have been developed co-operatively by all the Boards and Agencies of the Church, for the third-year emphasis of the "Forward With Christ" Program—Christian Citizenship.

III. That Mrs. W. A. McCutchen be approved as representative of the Board on the General Council.

IV. That authorization be given by the General Assembly for the Board of Women's Work to be incorporated in the State of Georgia.

V. That the following, nominated by the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly to the Board of Women's Work, whose terms expire in 1959, be elected.

Rev. Stuart R. Oglesby, George B. Hoyt, Mrs. W. H. Hopper, Mrs. Paul K. Buckles, Mrs. W. Rex Josey of Manning, South Carolina, Mrs. McIlwaine Thompson of Richmond, Virginia.

VI. That the Assembly express its deep appreciation of the faithful service of Mrs. T. Smith Brewer and Miss Louise A. Davidson, who are retiring as members of the Board.

VII. That the minutes of the Board of Women's Work be approved.

VIII. That the resolution calling for the appointment of an ad interim committee to study the status of the Board of Women's Work in its relation to the organiza-

tional structure of the Assembly's Boards and Agencies be referred to the General Council for inclusion in its study of the existing agencies of the Assembly as authorized by this General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD A. BOLLING, *Chairman*
H. W. GILKESON, *Secretary*

In connection with this report, Miss Louise A. Davidson, retiring Chairman, Mrs. A. R. Craig, the incoming Chairman, and Mrs. Leighton McCutchen, Executive Secretary of the Board of Women's Work, were introduced to the Assembly.

The Moderator returned to the Chair.

Rev. B. O. Wood, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on the General Council, which was adopted. It is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The following matters have been considered by this Committee:

I. The Minutes of the General Council.
II. The Annual Report of the General Council.
III. Overtures Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 31, 32, 43, 44 and 48.
IV. A communication from the Committee on Religious Functions and Observance—Jamestown, Va.
V. Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee.
VI. Committee on Resolutions.

### I. THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

Your committee has reviewed the minutes of the General Council for the year 1955 and recommends their approval.

### II. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AND GROWING OUT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The Standing Committee recommends the approval of the following recommendations:

#### A. STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION

1. That the Stewardship Emphasis Season begin October 1, 1957 and continue through November 17, 1957, November 10 being designated as Every Member Canvass Day, and that the theme of the Canvass be "For the Glory of God."

2. That the churches be reminded again that Stewardship is an integral part of the Christian experience and not merely a money-raising technique and that in the Stewardship of Material Possessions the Pre-Budget Canvass is heartily recommended as a most effectual way in promoting this phase of Christian Stewardship and that information concerning this form of the Canvass is available from the office of the General Council.

3. That Presbyteries' Committees or Councils be urged to promote the Every Church Canvass as a means of informing officers in local churches of the responsibility of the local church for the work of the Church beyond the local parish and that wherever possible conferences on Stewardship for ministers, elders, deacons and key laymen be promoted under the auspices of the Presbytery's Committee on Stewardship.

#### B. FINANCE

4. The boards and agencies submitted to your Committee budgets for some $700,000 more than the budget which is being recommended. Your Committee has carefully studied the needs of the agencies and the willingness of the Church to support these agencies and we recommend a minimum benevolence budget for 1957 of $6,956,896 as follows:

| *Agency* | *Budget 1957* |
|---|---|
| Board of World Missions | $3,500,000.00 |
| Board of Church Extension | 1,518,225.00 |
| Board of Christian Education | 580,000.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Board of Annuities and Relief | | 441,817.00 |
| The General Fund: | | 893,259.00 |
| Board of Women's Work | $125,000.00 | |
| The General Council | 180,000.00 | |
| Assembly's Training School | 185,000.00 | |
| Montreat | 118,000.00 | |
| Stillman College | 190,000.00 | |
| Historical Foundation | 23,800.00 | |
| American Bible Society | 40,459.00 | |
| Presbyterian Foundation (Charlotte) | 25,000.00 | |
| Administrative Expense | 6,000.00 | |
| Interchurch Agencies: | | 23,595.00 |
| National Council | 10,200.00 | |
| World Council | 8,295.00 | |
| Geneva Building | 2,100.00 | |
| Lord's Day Alliance | 1,000.00 | |
| Religion in American Life | 2,000.00 | |
| | | $6,956,896.00 |

5. That the foregoing budget be apportioned to the synods on the basis of ⅓ for membership, ⅓ on contributions to the Assembly's agencies for the last three years, and ⅓ on total contributions, less building expense, for the last three years, as follows:

APPORTIONMENT TO SYNODS — 1957 BUDGET

| | Total Apportionment 100% | World Missions 50.31% | Church Extension 21.82% | Christian Education 8.34% | Annuities and Relief 6.35% | General Fund 12.84% | Interchurch Agencies .34% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | $ 294,764 | $148,296 | $ 64,317 | $ 24,583 | $ 18,718 | $ 37,848 | $ 1,002 |
| Appalachia | 427,319 | 214,984 | 93,241 | 35,638 | 27,135 | 54,868 | 1,453 |
| Arkansas | 169,833 | 85,443 | 37,058 | 14,164 | 10,784 | 21,807 | 577 |
| Florida | 499,995 | 251,547 | 109,099 | 41,700 | 31,750 | 64,199 | 1,700 |
| Georgia | 553,556 | 278,494 | 120,786 | 46,167 | 35,150 | 71,077 | 1,882 |
| Kentucky | 219,316 | 110,338 | 47,855 | 18,290 | 13,927 | 28,160 | 746 |
| Louisiana | 252,597 | 127,082 | 55,117 | 21,067 | 16,039 | 32,433 | 859 |
| Mississippi | 292,647 | 147,230 | 63,856 | 24,407 | 18,583 | 37,576 | 995 |
| Missouri | 198,289 | 99,759 | 43,267 | 16,537 | 12,592 | 25,460 | 674 |
| N. Carolina | 1,163,348 | 585,280 | 253,843 | 97,023 | 73,873 | 149,374 | 3,955 |
| Oklahoma | 48,357 | 24,328 | 10,551 | 4,033 | 3,071 | 6,210 | 164 |
| S. Carolina | 501,080 | 252,093 | 109,336 | 41,790 | 31,818 | 64,339 | 1,704 |
| Tennessee | 317,340 | 159,654 | 69,244 | 26,466 | 20,151 | 40,746 | 1,079 |
| Texas | 869,950 | 437,671 | 189,823 | 72,554 | 55,242 | 111,702 | 2,958 |
| Virginia | 873,284 | 439,349 | 190,550 | 72,832 | 55,454 | 112,130 | 2,969 |
| West Virginia | 275,290 | 138,498 | 60,068 | 22,959 | 17,481 | 35,348 | 936 |

In making the foregoing recommendation as to the apportionments, we would assure the Church that the Budget and Stewardship Committee has most carefully studied the budgets of all of the agencies. We consider the amounts recommended above to be the absolute minimum amounts needed for the security of our work. It is, therefore, highly essential that all efforts be concerted to see that the full amount is secured for each agency. In addition to the amounts recommended above for the agencies of the General Assembly, we would call the attention of every congregation to the needs of its Synod's and Presbytery's agencies, as represented by the amount apportioned to it by the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee or Council. This responsibility should be fully met before over and above gifts are made to any cause or causes.

The General Assembly reaffirms its position that the foregoing apportionments shall be the total minimum amount expected from the Church by the Every Member Canvass and supplementary gifts, and recommends that each church choose either of the following methods best suited to raise its funds:

(a) By including in its local budget a certain portion of its benevolence apportionment to be contributed through the budget, with the balance to be secured by supplementary offerings to certain causes, or

(b) By including the total apportionment in the budget without supplementary offerings.

In making the above statement, the General Council would call attention to the Church, and to local congregations, that the annual Birthday Offering of the Women of the Church, the Negro Work Campaign and the Easter Offering are not for items included in the budgets of any agency and should, therefore, be handled as special offerings apart from the budget.

As the work of the Church must go on throughout the year, we urge all local church treasurers and central treasurers to remit their benevolences as collected—monthly if possible. This will enable our agencies to meet fixed monthly obligations without the necessity of borrowing money.

6. That a special Easter Offering be received in 1957 for alleviating suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world; the funds to be administered by the Board of World Missions throughout its Department of Overseas Relief and Interchurch Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with other Protestant denominations in Church World Service, C.R.O.P. and the World Council of Churches.

7. That if the budget of the Historical Foundation (in the General Fund for $23,800) is not secured, the deficit shall be made up by the Office of the General Assembly.

8. The 1949 General Assembly took the following action:

"That the Assembly assume the present indebtedness of $160,000 on Conference Hall (now Howerton Hall); that it also assume the responsibility of completing the cafeteria and east wing of Conference Hall at a maximum amount of $150,000; and that this responsibility be discharged by placing Montreat in the annual budget of the Assembly for a sum of $80,000, if possible, but certainly not less than $60,000; and that this quota in the budget be continued until the $310,000 be secured."

The General Council is happy to report to the General Assembly that, as of January 1, 1957, this obligation will have been met in full. The Council, however, is cognizant of the present financial obligations of the Mountain Retreat Association, of its many needs and of its splendid service to the entire Church and is therefore recommending the present continuation of this appropriation.

9. That, in reply to recommendation of the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, the Presbyterian Foundation be approved as an Assembly agency and that it be put in the budget of the Assembly for $25,000 as an additional cause in the General Fund for the year 1957.

### C. Program

10. That churches be urged to inaugurate or continue the "Forward With Christ" program with particular attention to the self-analyses feature, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of the life and work of the local church.

11. That the year 1957 be a year of special stewardship emphasis in the "Forward With Christ" program; that particular stress be laid on increasing the benevolence giving in each church in accordance with the "Forward With Christ" goals; and that synods, presbyteries and local churches be urged to make a united effort to meet in full the needs of the benevolence agencies as represented by the apportionments of the General Assembly, synods and presbyteries.

12. That the "Forward With Christ" program be commended to the General Council and that they consider this or a similar program to culminate in the Centennial Celebration of 1961.

13. That the program of emphasis for 1959 be "World-Wide Witness."

14. In response to an overture from the Presbytery of Nashville, addressed to the General Council, concerning Homes for the Aging, the following recommendation is made:

That the General Assembly appoint an Ad Interim Committee to study the place of Homes for the Aging in the Presbyterian Church; that this Committee be sufficiently financed to make a thorough study of the need for such Homes, the best type of Home,

the place of responsibility for their conduct and the responsibility of the General Assembly as to oversight, etc., and to bring in any other recommendations which it may deem proper.

There are two additional areas of service being offered through institutional care, namely, Homes for Children and Hospitals. The General Council has been reminded that very little guidance has been given the Church in the care and services that should be offered in Homes for Children, and no consideration has been given by the Assembly to Hospitals. We, therefore, recommend:

That the Ad Interim Committee appointed to study the question of Homes for the Aging include Homes for Children and Hospitals in their study.

15. That the following calendar of special days and seasons be adopted:

CALENDAR RECOMMENDATIONS, 1957 and 1958

| *1957* | *1958* | |
|---|---|---|
| Jan. 1-31 | Jan. 1-31 | Christian Relations Season |
| Jan. 13 | Jan. 12 | Stillman College Sunday |
| Jan. 20 | Jan. 19 | Presentation of General Assembly Emphasis for the Year (Christian Citizenship—1957) (The Church—1958) |
| Jan. 27 | Jan. 26 | Assembly's Youth Sunday |
| Jan. 27-Feb. 3 | Jan. 26-Feb. 2 | *Community Youth Week |
| Feb. 3-Mar. 3 | Feb. 2-Mar. 2 | World Mission Season |
| Feb. 10 | Feb. 9 | *Race Relations Sunday |
| Feb. 17 | Feb. 16 | *Day of Prayer for Students Around the World |
| Mar. 8 | Feb. 21 | *World Day of Prayer |
| Feb. 24-Mar. 3 | Feb. 23-Mar. 2 | Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions |
| Mar. 4-Apr. 21 | Mar. 3-Apr. 6 | Special Evangelistic Season |
| Apr. 1-30 | Apr. 1-30 | Christian Higher Education Season |
| Apr. 14 | April 20 | Call to Prayer for the General Assembly |
| Apr. 21 | Apr. 6 | Easter Sunday—Special Offering for Relief of World Need and Suffering |
| Apr. 25-30 | | Meeting of General Assembly at Birmingham |
| Apr. 28 | Apr. 20 | *National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges) |
| Apr. 21-27 | April 20-27 | Independent Church Paper Week |
| Apr. 28 | April 27 | Assembly's Training School Day |
| May 5-12 | May 4-11 | *Christian Family Week |
| May 19 | May 18 | *Rural Life Sunday |
| June 9 | May 25 | Pentecost |
| June 1-30 | June 1-30 | General Fund Agencies Season |
| June 2 | June 1 | Montreat Sunday |
| June 30 | June 29 | Citizenship Sunday |
| Aug. 1-31 | Aug. 1-31 | Evangelism Sunday |
| Sept. 1-29 | Sept. 1-28 | Religious Education Season |
| Sept. 23-Oct. 20 | Sept. 22-Oct. 19 | Church Extension Season |
| Sept. 29 | Sept. 28 | Rally Day |
| Sept. 29-Oct. 6 | Sept. 28-Oct. 5 | Religious Education Week |
| Oct. 14-Nov. 17 | Oct. 1-Nov. 16 | Stewardship and E.M.C. Season |
| Oct. 6 | Oct. 5 | *World-Wide Communion Sunday |
| Oct. 10-13 | | Assembly Men's Convention, Miami, Florida |
| Oct. 13-20 | Oct. 12-19 | Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension |
| Oct. 13 | Oct. 19 | *Laymen's Sunday |
| Oct. 27 | Oct. 26 | *Reformation Sunday |
| Nov. 3-10 | Nov. 2-9 | *Presbyterian Survey Week*—Official Presbyterian Magazine |
| Nov. 10 | Nov. 9 | Every Member Canvass Day |
| Nov. 24 | Nov. 23 | Homes |

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| Nov. 28-Dec. 25 | | *World Wide Bible Reading Season |
| Dec. 1-31 | Dec. 1-31 | Annuities and Relief Season |
| Dec. 1 | Nov. 30 | Evangelism Sunday |
| Dec. 8 | Dec. 14 | *Universal Bible Sunday |
| Dec. 22 | Dec. 21 | Joy Gift for Ministerial Relief |
| Dec. 25 | Dec. 25 | Christmas Day |
| Dec. 28-31 | | Quadrennial Youth Convention, Lexington, Ky. |
| Dec. 29 | Dec. 28 | Christian Student Sunday |

*Interdenominational Days

## MONTHLY AND SEASONAL EMPHASES

### 1957 and 1958

| | |
|---|---|
| January | Christian Relations |
| February | World Missions |
| March | Evangelism |
| April | Christian Higher Education |
| May | No Major Emphasis |
| June | General Fund Agencies |
| July | Christian Citizenship |
| August | Evangelism |
| September | Religious Education |
| October | Church Extension |
| November | Stewardship and Every Member Canvass |
| December | Annuities and Relief |

In making the foregoing recommendation concerning "Independent Church Paper Week," the following explanatory statement is offered:

(A) The General Council believes and here affirms that the reading of independent "church papers" by members of the Church is important and desirable. For that reason, the Council has recommended that particular notice be given to the fact that these three papers, *The Christian Observer*, *The Presbyterian Outlook* and *The Southern Presbyterian Journal*, are named in the Plan Book as worthy of notice and response by church leaders in every local church of the Assembly. This emphasis is given in the course of the year at that time which appears, according to the Council's judgment, most suitable to the total program of the Church.

(B) The Council believes that the "Independent Church Papers" are just that, and that their independence should be maintained for the sake of the papers and for the sake of the Church. It would be most unfortunate and foreboding if the only avenues of information and opinion open to the Church were avenues over which the Church maintained control and of which the Church exercised that custodianship which is always given to ownership. The independent church press has a large, significant and continuing service to perform to our Church and to the whole religious community.

(C) The Council is mindful of and grateful for the meaningful and constructive contribution which these three independent papers have made to the life of the Church in supporting its endeavors, communicating news of its affairs, encouraging the enhancement of the devotional life of churchmen and giving a forum for the frank expression of opinion and ambition in matters of the Church's contemporary or prospective engagements.

16. It is our conviction that the Presbyterian Church in the United States should observe her Centennial in 1961 in some fashion. While our Church came into being as the result of an unfortunate rift in American Presbyterianism, the 100th anniversary of her birth is an event of first importance and any attempt to pass it without notice would be strained and unnatural. We feel, further, that the effect of the observance will depend almost entirely on the spirit and manner in which it is carried out.

We, therefore, recommend:

A. That the Assembly authorize the observance of 1961 as our Centennial Year.

B. That the general theme of the Centennial be: "Our Heritage and Mission."

This theme is proposed with the following explanation:

a. The Centennial should be an occasion for looking forward as well as backward. As we take note of our past, with its glories and failures, we should, in honest self-appraisal and in hope born of the Spirit, define and dedicate ourselves to the obligations of the morrow.

b. Our emphasis should be primarily on our heritage and mission as a member of the great family of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches throughout the world. It should be pre-eminently a time when we become conscious of our sister churches in our Calvinistic confessional group, and more vitally informed regarding our common tradition in doctrine, polity, worship and practice. In this larger context and with secondary emphasis the history of our own Church should be treated, with her accomplishments acknowledged and her shortcomings confessed. Greater emphasis should fall on the mission of our Church throughout the world, including a prayerful study of our Christian witness within the environing society of the Southland.

C. That the Centennial theme be the church emphasis for the year 1961.

This emphasis should be given expression in a wide variety of ways. There should certainly be an observance of the Centennial in connection with the General Assembly of 1961 and perhaps also in the meetings of synods and presbyteries. Scholars and leaders from churches other than our own including, if possible, some from beyond the seas, should be used. On the local level the theme, or certain aspects of it, could be dealt with through the media of sermons, study courses, television films, etc. The Board of Christian Education should see that books and other materials suitable to the occasion are made available. The Division of Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension should also cooperate in its sphere.

D. That the Assembly set as a goal the attainment of a million members by the end of the year 1961.

E. That the Assembly appoint a Centennial Committee to plan and promote this observance. This Committee should consist of from fifteen to twenty persons including pastors, executive secretaries of synods and presbyteries, representatives from the boards and agencies and from the fields of church history, theology and publication. It should make reports to the General Assembly each year prior to 1961.

F. That the question of the financing of the Centennial Committee and the cost of observing the Centennial on the Assembly level be referred to the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

### D. Publicity

17. That the General Assembly endorse the use of the "Bulletin Inserts on the Action of the General Assembly" and urge their use in every church.

### E. Items from the General Assembly

18. The 1955 General Assembly took the following action: "In view of the fact that agencies and committees reporting to this committee (Standing Committee on Inter-Church Relations) are required to send their financial requests to the General Council, and their plans for program and policy to this committee, thus separating elements that should be considered together for sound Assembly action, we recommend that the General Council consider the formulation of a plan whereby the Standing Committee may receive the total work and financial requests of the agencies under its purview."

We recommend that requests from all Interchurch Agencies for budgetary consideration should be channeled through the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations to the Budget and Stewardship Committee of the General Council for consideration, and the Permanent Committee shall transmit to the Standing Committee of the Assembly any financial reports it deems advisable.

### F. Election of Staff

19. That the General Assembly approve the action of the General Council in re-electing Rev. J. G. Patton as its Executive Secretary for a term of three years.

20. That the General Assembly approve the action of the General Council in re-electing Rev. B. S. Hodges, Jr. as its Associate Secretary for a term of three years.

21. That the General Assembly approve the action of the General Council in re-electing Mr. Bluford B. Hestir, Jr. as its Director of Publicity for a term of three years.

III. OVERTURES

22. We recommend that overtures 19, 20, 21, 32 and 43, relative to the establishment of a micro-film and photostatic center at the Historical Foundation, be answered as follows:

a. That the General Assembly endorse the establishment of a micro-film and photostatic center at the Historical Foundation for the preservation and reproduction of historical materials:

b. That the executive committee of the Historical Foundation be permitted to seek and raise the funds necessary for securing this equipment.

23. That overture 44, in regard to our church agencies making loans from their funds to churches for building purposes, be answered in the negative, thus re-affirming the action of the General Assembly of 1951.

24. That overture 22, in regard to the establishment of a central treasurer for Assembly Causes, be answered by referral to the General Council for study and report to the General Assembly in 1957.

25. That overture 31, in regard to the Easter Offering for the Relief of Human Suffering, be answered in the negative; with a reminder to the churches that they can share in this worthy cause in the manner they deem best suited to their local situation.

26. That overture 48, in regard to the establishment of a Division of Welfare Agencies and the overture from the Presbytery of Nashville to the General Council in regard to the same matter, be answered by the adoption of recommendation No. 14 of this report.

IV. COMMUNICATION IN RE JAMESTOWN OBSERVANCE

27. That the General Assembly recognize the importance of the Jamestown Celebration and commend their sponsors for their religious emphases and that the matter of participation be referred to the Synod of Virginia.

V. REPORT OF COMMTITEE ON NOMINATIONS

28. That the report of the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly, naming the following to serve on the General Council in the Class of 1962, be adopted:

Ministers: Massey Mott Heltzel, Sam M. Inman, John H. McKinnon, Jr.; Lay: Tully D. Blair, Mrs. W. Everarde Jones, Nat K. Reiney.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

29. That we commend the Staff and the General Council for their Christian vision, their wise leadership, their zeal and perseverance in promoting the work of our beloved Church to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

B. O. WOOD, *Chairman*

RALEIGH M. ENGLE, *Secretary*

Rev. Alton H. Glasure, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Education which was adopted as amended. It is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There have been placed in our hands the following by the General Assembly:

1. A communication from the Board of Directors of Mountain Retreat Association.
2. Overtures 24, 25, 26, 27, 40, 41, 42 and 47.
3. The Annual Report of the Board of Christian Education.
4. The Report and Minutes of the Trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association.

5. The Minutes Book of the Board of Christian Education.

6. The Annual Reports of Austin, Columbia, Louisville and Union Theological Seminaries.

7. The Annual Report of the Assembly's Training School and the Minutes of the Board of Trustees.

8. The Annual Report and Minutes of Stillman College Trustees.

9. The Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee relating to the Board of Christian Education, Trustees of Mountain Retreat Association, Assembly's Training School and Stillman College.

10. A letter concerning the names of three members of Assembly's Men's Council who are to be elected for a term of one year as members of the Board of Christian Education by virtue of their office.

Your Standing Committee appreciated the fine spirit of co-operation by Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, the Executive Secretary, and several members of the Board in reviewing the work of this splendid agency of the Church. The Assembly is requested to share with us in expressing thanksgiving to Dr. Dendy and his entire staff for the effective work of the Board in ministering to the rapidly increasing needs of our Church.

## UNION SEMINARY

The most notable event of the year at Union Theological Seminary was the change in presidents. Dr. Benjamin Rice Lacy, Jr. retired from the office of President of the Seminary on January 16, 1956, after thirty years of distinguished service. Dr. James A. Jones was inaugurated on April 4, 1956, as the third President of Union Seminary.

Dr. William Taliaferro Thompson, Professor of Christian Education for 36 years, retired on May 30, 1956.

The Reverend Benjamin Lacy Rose, (B.A., B.D., Th.M., Th.D.) was elected to become the first incumbent of "The Benjamin Rice Lacy, Jr. Chair of Pastoral Leadership and Homiletics."

Union Seminary has a total enrollment of 270 students and has seen, among other physical improvements, the completion of a new addition to the Library.

## AUSTIN SEMINARY

We have examined the Report of Austin Theological Seminary and notice that the Seminary has enrolled 133 students. Of the 11 faculty members the following permanent additions were made during 1955-56: Henry W. Quinius, Th.M., as Associate Professor of Church Administration and Director of Field Work; James A. Millard, Jr., Th.M., Th.D., D.D., Professor of Homiletics. James A. Wharton, B.D., will become Assistant Professor of Bible in 1956. John R. Hendrick, B.D., will become Instructor of Bible at the same time.

$100,000 was added to permanent funds during the year, and a campaign is being completed to add one and one-half million dollars to the Seminary Fund.

## LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

The student enrollment of Louisville Seminary was 171 during 1956. Rev. George R. Edwards, A.B., B.D., Ph.D., has been called to the faculty as instructor in Bible. The resources of the Seminary were increased by $45,085.54 during the year, and one million dollars in cash and pledges combined has been secured toward the two-million dollar "Building Fund—New Campus."

## COLUMBIA SEMINARY

Columbia Seminary has enrolled 238 students this year. Four professors were formally inaugurated into office. They are: Reverend James H. Gailey, Jr., Th.D., Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis, Reverend Richard T. Gillespie, Th.D., Professor of Homiletics, Reverend Thomas H. McDill, Jr., Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Counseling, and Reverend Hubert Vance Taylor, Professor of Public Speech and Music.

A Peter Marshall Fund has been started looking toward the establishment of a Chair of Homiletics in his honor. $50,000 has been promised if $200,000 can be raised by January 1, 1957.

The General Assembly will share the sadness of the Columbia Seminary family in

the loss of Dr. Frank C. Brown, who died July 2, 1955; Dr. Brown taught Evangelism and English Bible for three years.

## STILLMAN COLLEGE

Your Committee has noted with pleasure the progress report of Stillman College listing the comparative status of the college in 1950 and in 1955. In those years Stillman has advanced from an unaccredited two-year college to a fully accredited four-year college, and has increased its enrollment from 125 to 327 students. Endowment has increased over 500 per cent, and assets and resources have more than trebled to a total of $1,756,143.

Attention is called to urgent present needs for additional operating income in order to raise faculty salaries, and for increased endowment funds.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

The General Assembly's Training School, in its forty-first year of service to the Church, has reported a satisfactory year with a number of improvements in properties, the growth of the Auxiliary from forty-seven members in 1951 to 1,503 as of December 31, 1955, and show the school to have total assets of over two and one quarter million dollars. Additions to the faculty include Mr. John Lewis and Mrs. John Newton Thomas. The Laboratory School for pre-school children will begin operation in January, 1957, and will be directed by Miss Josephine Newberry.

The Report calls attention to the fact that one of the most important functions of the school is the enlistment of men and women for full-time church vocations. Your Committee commends to the Church constant prayer and activity in assisting the Training School in this enlistment program.

## MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

The Mountain Retreat Association reports a successful 1955 conference season, and lists twenty-six conferences or meetings to be held at Montreat during the current season. The Association has paid $45,000 on the Howerton Retirement Fund and is now ready to pay $25,000 on the water and power expansion program. It has received $32,000 more than was spent last year. During the past nine years the Association has increased in value approximately $500,000 and Montreat College has doubled in value. For the fiscal year the college has a balance of approximately $22,000.

In answer to the communication of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association concerning the election of the Trustees, reference is made to the report of the Nominating Committee which was approved.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend approval of the following items in report of the Board of Christian Education which were overlooked by the 1955 Assembly:

1. In reply to the request that the Board consider the support of the theological education at the General Assembly level, the Board replies that a study of this question is now being made. When the study is completed a report will be made to the General Assembly.

2. Concerning recommendations from the Permanent Committee on Cooperation and Union, referred by the 1955 General Assembly "to the appropriate Boards, courts, and other agencies for such action as they may deem wise" (see 1955 General Assembly Minutes, pp. 70, 151 and 152), the Board is reporting activities in this field to the Permanent Committees on Inter-Church Relations, as requested.

3. In response to the recommendation of the 1955 Assembly Men's Council, whereby the Assembly authorized an Assembly-wide Presbyterian Men's Convention to be held in 1957 and requested that details as to program, leadership and other arrangements be reported to the 1956 Assembly, the Board reports as follows:

*Place:* Dinner Key Exposition Building, Miami, Florida

*Date:* October 10-13, 1957

*Purpose:*

1. To challenge men to acknowledge the *greatness* and *power* of God and accept His rule in every walk of life.

2. To confront each man with all the needs of his personal relationship to Christ as Saviour and Lord.
3. To persuade men that it is their highest privilege to be workers together with Christ in all areas of life.
4. To inspire, inform and equip men for adventurous service through their church, witnessing in the home, business, community and the whole world.

*Theme:* "All the Way for Christ"

*Program Areas:* — In winning men (near or far away)
— With money (a means)
— On the job (individually as churchmen)
— As parents
— As citizens
— As growing men

*Attendance Goal:* 10,000 men

*Convention Fee:* $5.00

*Committees:* Over-all Convention Committee, Program and Leaders Committee, Attendance Committee, and Local Arrangements Committee.

4. In 1953 the General Assembly requested the Board of Christian Education to study the question of music in the local church, asking that particular consideration be given to music in the smaller churches.

The Board of Christian Education reports that an Advisory Council on Church Music has been constituted and is now advising the Board in this field. A Conference on Church Music, to be held in Montreat, North Carolina, August 2-8, 1956, is now being sponsored by the Board of Christian Education.

5. The following items reported by the Board of Christian Education to the 1955 General Assembly, but which were not reported on by the Standing Committee, are again forwarded to the General Assembly for information and direction:

(1) The General Assembly referred Overture 60 from the Presbytery of Orange, requesting a revision of the Child's Catechism, to the Board of Christian Education, asking the Board to seek to produce such material, either on its own initiative or in co-operation with other Presbyterian bodies. The Board answers the request as follows:

a. That, in view of the long use of the Child's Catechism and the great difficulty in changing the language of it, no effort be made to revise the Child's Catechism in its present form.
b. That a special committee from among the membership of the Family Education Council has been appointed to prepare new materials for the use of parents and children, dealing with questions children ask and religious truths children should know.

(Steps have been taken to prepare material in this field. A pamphlet is being written on "The Bible Answering Children's Questions." A writer is being sought to prepare a unit on the Shorter Catechism. This is a report of progress, made to the 1956 General Assembly.)

(2) In reply to the request made by the 1954 General Assembly (see 1954 General Assembly Minutes, p. 68) that each person on the Board's mailing lists be given an opportunity to place an advance order for the paper-bound volume of World Council materials, the Board reports that it endeavored to render this service to the Church but was informed by the Stated Clerk that there were not enough materials available to supply the volume and make it available to those requesting it.

(3) In reply to the recommendation adopted by the 1954 General Assembly concerning the composition of the Council of Christian Relations (see General Assembly Minutes, 1954, p. 53), that of the 14 members of the Council to be elected by the General Assembly three shall be on nomination of the Board of Christian Education, the Board reports that those nominations were duly made and the names of the nominees were forwarded to the Stated Clerk and to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly.

(4) In response to the request of the General Assembly that consideration be given to the production of a film on the life of John Knox or John Calvin, the Board reports that this matter was explored with representatives of three other Presbyterian Boards.

Investigation indicated that it requires a large capital outlay of over half a million dollars to produce a film comparable to recent films on the life of Luther and of Wesley. It was felt also that the films referred to had captured the interest of the public, and that the same interest would not be shown in additional biographical films at this time. The Secretary of the Division of Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension concurs in the opinions expressed above. For these reasons it does not appear to be advisable to produce a film now on the life of Calvin or Knox.

### REPLIES TO OVERTURES

I. That overture 24 be referred for study and recommendation to the Board of Christian Education, and report to the General Assembly.

II. That overture 25 be referred for study and recommendation to General Council for report to General Assembly.

III. That no action be taken on overtures 26 and 27 due to the fact that Montreat College has made no request for funds from the General Assembly for the coming year.

IV. That overture 40 from the Presbytery of Louisville requesting immediate steps to inaugurate the beginning of a joint Book of Worship with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church be answered in the affirmative and referred to the Board of Christian Education for action in beginning the preparation of such a book. Progress in this regard to be reported to succeeding General Assemblies.

V. That overture 41 from the Presbytery of Louisville requesting that the Board of Christian Education be directed to reinstate its former policy of making its materials and supplies available through local bookstores be answered in the negative, for the reason that the Committee approves the present policy of the Board as the wisest.

VI. That overture 42 from the Presbytery of Central Mississippi concerning the study of the Child's and Shorter Catechisms be answered in the negative. We would record our sympathy with the purpose of this overture and our belief that the catechisms and standards of our church should be widely and continuously studied. Because our Board of Christian Education is continuously studying this matter and seeking to encourage the widest possible knowledge and use of the catechisms, and the Confession of Faith, and because the General Assembly of 1955 laid this responsibility specifically upon the sessions of individual churches, we deem it unnecessary to take further action at this time and we therefore recommend that this overture be answered in the negative.

VII. That overture 47 from the Presbytery of East Alabama concerning the publishing by our Board of appropriate literature for Junior Vesper Groups be referred to the Board.

### STILLMAN COLLEGE

VIII. That the attention of the Church be called to the rapid progress of Stillman College in the years 1950-1955, and that with thanksgiving to God the Assembly commend all those in the Church at large and on the Board and Administration of the College for their part in this progress.

IX. That the Minutes and the Report of the Board of Trustees of Stillman College to the General Assembly be approved.

X. That attention be called to the fact that only $36,000 of funds pledged to the Negro Work Campaign remains to be paid in order to bring Stillman College's receipts up to the $900,000 necessary to claim the full $100,000 Challenge Fund offered by an anonymous Foundation.

XI. That the churches be urged to contribute their full percentage to the General Fund from which Stillman College receives its current operating funds.

XII. That churches and individuals interest themselves:

1. In commending Stillman College to Negro students in high schools.
2. In seeking to recruit the ablest of these as Stillman College students.
3. In presenting the challenge of the Gospel ministry to outstanding Negro youth.

XIII. That the opportunity of recruiting outstanding Negro students and of furnishing financial support for such students while at Stillman College be commended to the generosity of individual members of our Church.

## ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL

XIV. That the Report and the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly's Training School be approved and that the following recommendations be adopted:

1. That the Assembly approve the re-election of Dr. Patrick H. Carmichael as Dean of the Faculty and Professor of Religious Education, for a term of three years.
2. That the Assembly approve the re-election of Dr. Rachel Henderlite as Professor of Applied Christianity and Christian Nurture for a term of three years.
3. That the Assembly approve the re-election of Miss Rachael Wylie as Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Religious Education for a term of three years.
4. That the Assembly urge pastors and sessions to observe Training School Day on April 28, 1957, so as to acquaint their congregations with the service the school is rendering, the opportunities it offers, and its needs.
5. That the Assembly urge each synod, presbytery and local church to see that the General Assembly's Training School receives through the General Fund its full share of the Assembly's Benevolent Budget.
6. That the Assembly request pastors and other church leaders to direct to the school men and women of superior gifts and consecration, those of maturity and experience as well as young people of college age, that they may be prepared to meet the Church's urgent need for more trained workers.
7. That the Assembly instruct the trustees as authorized by previous Assemblies to continue their efforts to raise funds for permanent improvements and endowment.

XV. That the Board and the Administration of the Assembly's Training School be commended for the splendid record of the School in training workers for the Church during the past year.

## MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

XVI. That the Assembly designate June 2, 1957 as Montreat Day.

XVII. That the Assembly and our Church continue to pray for the development of the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat College.

XVIII. That the Report and the Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association be approved and that the Board and Administration of both the Mountain Retreat Association and Montreat College be commended for the progress which has been made by these Institutions during the past year.

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

XIX. That the Report and the Minutes of the Board of Christian Education be approved and the following recommendations as amended be adopted:

1. That the General Assembly express its gratitude to the God and Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His blessings upon Christian Education in the life of the Church.
2. That the General Assembly face the critical importance of Christian Education in reaching, teaching and winning people and building them up in Christian faith and life; and that synods, presbyteries and churches call upon their members to pray for the ministry of Christian Education, to dedicate their services to Christian Education, and to increase their gifts to the Board of Christian Education.
3. That, because of the opportunities to teach people through the use of radio and television, the Board of Christian Education be authorized by the General Assembly to work with the Division on Radio and Television of the Board of Church Extension to develop programs designed to create and develop Christian faith in individuals and families.
4. That the General Assembly urge synods, presbyteries and local congregations to conserve all the values accruing from the year of emphasis upon the entire work of Christian Higher Education by continuing to furnish our members with information, encouraging them to be concerned for and to work with those engaged in higher education, and to undergird the entire work of higher education by their prayers and generosity.

5. That seminaries, colleges, Westminster Fellowships and Presbyterian Guidance Centers be urged to continue to plan carefully for the wise and economical spending of all funds entrusted to the cause of higher education, to the end that through the work of higher education in our Church the greatest services may be rendered.
6. That pastors and Sessions seek to recruit the best qualified young men and women they can find for the full-time service of the Church where today there exists such a shortage of ministers, missionaries, directors of Christian education and other full-time workers.
7. That every church plan carefully for the observance of the following days and seasons: Religious Education Season, September 1-30, 1956; Rally Day, September 30, 1956; Religious Education Week, September 30-October 7, 1956; Laymen's Sunday, October 21, 1956; Christian Student Sunday (Life Dedication Day), December 30, 1956; Assembly's Youth Sunday, January 27, 1957; Community Youth Week, January 27-February 3, 1957; Day of Prayer for Students Around the World, February 17, 1957; Christian Higher Education Season, April 1-30, 1957; National Christian College Day (Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges), April 28, 1957; and Christian Family Week, May 5-12, 1957.
8. That local churches take full advantage of the leader development opportunities provided through the generous Birthday Gift of the Women of the Church and make it possible for local leaders of children to attend the Area Laboratory Schools which are being underwritten by this gift.
9. That local churches, in view of the urgent need for more leaders to reach for Christ the people of the area served by our Church, develop a program of enlistment to secure the number of leaders sufficient for this task and provide an intensely practical program of training that will enable these leaders to measure up to the responsibilities placed on them.
10. That, in the observance of Rally Day, every Sunday school, church and church organization give generously to the cause of Christian Education so that the Board may fulfill its responsibilities to the Church and to the people of the area served by our Assembly.
11. That sessions pray that their church leaders may grow increasingly concerned about the many children, youth and adults still unreached by the teaching ministry of the church, and that God would use these leaders to reach all people within the bounds of their congregations.
12. That local churches impress upon parents their primary responsibility for the Christian nurture of their children and provide guidance to them in meeting these responsibilities.
13. That local church leaders study carefully the emphasis on Christian citizenship approved by the General Assembly for 1957, and plan a program that will help the members of the congregation know and understand more clearly their responsibilities in this area.
14. That pastors and sessions be requested to acquaint the men of their congregations with the purpose, program and leadership of the Presbyterian Men's Convention to be held in Miami, Florida, October 10-13, 1957, and take steps to send official representatives to the convention.
15. That the session of each congregation be urged to send its pastor to the convention and to arrange for a layman to supply the pulpit on October 13, 1957, which is Layman's Sunday.
16. That the General Assembly confirm the Board's re-election of Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, Secretary of the Division of Higher Education, for a term of three years.
17. That the General Assembly confirm the Board's re-election of Dr. Marshall C. Dendy, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, for a term of three years.

XX. That the Assembly express its profound appreciation to Dr. John L. Fairly, who will be retired from the Board, after devoted and sacrificial service for 27 years, and that, in expression of its appreciation, Dr. Fairly be presented to the Assembly for a rising expression of thanksgiving.

XXI. That Dr. R. Matthew Lynn be elected to represent the Board of Christian Education on the General Council for a term of six years.

XXII. That sympathetic attention of the Assembly be called to the death of Rev. Leroy P. Burney, of the Staff of the Board of Christian Education, Mr. R. L. Peters, Sr. of the Board of Trustees of Stillman College and Dr. W. T. Martin, Jr., member of the Board of Christian Education, and that prayer be offered in behalf of the bereaved.

NOMINATIONS

XXIII. That the following be elected to the positions indicated:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*Terms Expire in 1959*

Rev. James Appleby, Mrs. Francis J. Brooke, Jr., Dr. Marshall W. Brown, Hollister V. Schenck, W. H. Jack, Mrs. J. K. Fancher (3094 East Pine Valley, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia), Martin Sweets (Louisville, Kentucky).

*Term Expires in 1958*

Rev. W. T. Martin, Jr., removed by death and replaced by Rev. H. Harold Wells
Ex-officio for one year because of their position on the Men's Council
Walter R. Humphrey (Fort Worth, Texas), John J. Deifell (Greensboro, N. C.), M. Elmer Taylor (Jacksonville, Florida).

TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS

*Terms Expire in 1959*

Miss Janie W. McCutchen, Rev. E. S. Campbell, Rev. W. H. McCorkle, Rev. R. McFerran Crowe, Mrs. T. H. Grafton (Staunton, Virginia), Miss Eleanor Belk (Charlotte, N. C.), Rev. Clifford R. Johnson.

TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

*Terms Expire in 1959*

*Ministers:* Rev. M. O. Sommers, Rev. Ferguson Wood, Rev. Fred R. Stair, Rev. William F. Mansell, Rev. Thomas H. Talbot, Rev. T. A. Freeman, Rev. W. L. McLeod, Rev. Raleigh M. Engle, Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy, Rev. John McSween, Rev. John E. Richards.

*Laymen:* Horace Hull (Memphis, Tennessee), Adrian Williamson (Monticello, Ark.), Aubrey Miree (Birmingham, Alabama), T. Emmit Anderson (Tampa, Florida), Warren Dale (Houston, Texas), John Matthews (Fayetteville, Tennessee).

TRUSTEES FOR STILLMAN COLLEGE

*Terms Expire in 1959*

Mrs. R. L. Peters, Rev. E. V. Ramage, Rev. F. H. M. Williams, Cecil Woods, Rev. T. Russell Nunan, W. Frank Wood (Cleveland, Mississippi), Rev. Albert J. Kissling, Rev. James E. Forgartie.

Respectfully submitted,
ALTON H. GLASURE, *Chairman*
STERLING EDWARDS, *Secretary*

At the conclusion of the report Rev. R. Matthew Lynn, Chairman of the Board of Christian Education, presented Rev. and Mrs. John L. Fairly to the Assembly.

In accordance with recommendation number XXII in the above report, the Assembly was led in prayer by Rev. Marshall C. Dendy.

Rev. E. B. McGukin, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension. The hour of adjournment being at hand,

the Assembly suspended action upon the report after having adopted recommendations numbered 1, 2 and 3. The Assembly took recess with prayer, until 7:30 P.M.

## FOURTH DAY

### EVENING SESSION

7:30 p.m.

The Assembly met in Anderson Auditorium for the presentation of a popular program on the work being done by the Board of World Missions and the Board of Church Extension.

Rev. C. Darby Fulton, Executive Secretary of the Board of World Missions, presented Rev. Eugene Daniel, Candidate Secretary of the Board, who introduced Mrs. Frank T. Lemmon, Rev. David L. Parks and Rev. John M. Reagan, missionary appointees, who addressed the Assembly. The World Mission section of the evening's program was closed with prayer by Rev. E. A. J. Seddon, Jr.

In the second phase of the popular program Rev. P. D. Miller, Executive Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, presented the following members of the staff of the Board: Rev. James J. Alexander, Rev. John M. Alexander, Rev. Malcolm P. Calhoun, Rev. James Carr, Rev. O. V. Caudill, Rev. Albert E. Dimmock, Mr. Fred Ohl, Rev. Claude H. Pritchard, Mr. G. B. Strickler and Miss Marietta Yarnell.

The program was closed with the pronouncing of the benediction by the Moderator.

## FIFTH DAY

### TUESDAY

8:30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was led in a worship service by Rev. Edgar A. Woods.

The minutes of Monday's sessions were read and approved.

The Assembly resumed consideration of the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension. The report was adopted as amended and is as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION

Your Committee on Church Extension had placed in its hands the Annual Report of the Board of Church Extension, the Minutes Book of the Board, and the report of the Nominating Committee relating to the Board.

The Minutes Book of the Board was read, found in order and approved by this committee.

The Executive Secretary appeared before the committee and the Report of the Board was reviewed. The executives of the various divisions of the Board were presented and spoke of the work that is being done by the Board. The Board is a missionary and a service agency. Seventy-nine and one-half cents of the church extension dollar is spent for missionary work. The varied services rendered by the Board make it one of the most valued servants of the Church. We are indeed fortunate in having such a capable and consecrated staff engaged in carrying through these services, for which the Church has asked. Your committee wishes to commend these leaders for their unselfish service.

### THE DIVISION OF HOME MISSIONS

Through the Department of Missionary Support, for the church year 1955, 58 of the 85 presbyteries received aid from the Department for some phase of their Home Mission work. A total of 568 workers—pastors, evangelists, superintendents, teachers and community workers—who served 671 churches, 136 outposts, 7 institutional centers and 5 schools, were supported in whole or in part by the Department. These 568 workers and 817 projects in 58 presbyteries give eloquent testimony to the Assembly-wide nature of the Department's work. It should be remembered that only a small portion of the needs of the whole Church can be met with the resources available.

The continued growth of our cities keeps the work of the Department of Urban Church ever before us. During the past year studies were made in 17 urban areas; 2 presbyteries were studied; 27 cities were visited in assisting a particular church or presbytery solve a specific problem. Many new surveys are now in progress and more are scheduled.

The Town and Country Church Department is continuing its emphasis upon the Larger Parish Plan as a practical solution to the vacancies in many of our smaller town and rural churches. Town and Country Pastors' Institutes have demanded a large part of the time of the Secretary of this Department. In 1956 four institutes have been held. Attention is called to the new Church Extension Study Book for 1956, "Bright Future—A New Day for the Town and Country Church," by Dr. J. M. Carr, the Divisional Secretary.

The Sunday School Extension Department offers the services of its extension workers engaged in work in nine synods. Ten workers are now engaged in this particular field of service.

The Church Architecture Department continues its effort to meet the growing demands of the churches for advice in their church building programs. Two hundred fields visits were made during the year by the consultant. It is the purpose of this Department to meet all the requests as nearly as possible.

The Department of Chaplains and Military Personnel continues its effort to maintain the tie between the Church and her Chaplains in the Armed Forces and Veterans Administration. 43 Chaplains were on active duty as of January 1, 1956.

### THE DIVISION OF EVANGELISM

The Secretary and his Associate in this division have been diligent in their effort to promote the total program of evangelism throughout the Church. They have tried to capitalize upon every interest that has been manifested and have traveled thousands of miles in meeting with interested groups.

The work has been made more effective by minister exchange between 12 of the 16 synods. The Assembly-wide designated period for evangelism has been observed in many churches. This year with the full co-operation of the Board of World Missions, the World Mission participation was achieved with special Evangelistic Campaigns conducted in four cities in Korea by Rev. E. H. Hamilton. Special city-wide evangelistic campaigns have been conducted in some of our larger cities. PUT GOD FIRST has been the slogan for the year 1956 and this year results are indeed gratifying. In some 1,640 churches reporting first-quarter-of-the-year results, there were 8,537 professions of faith and 11,712 additions by certificate and reaffirmation. We are grateful for the growing passion for winning the lost for Christ and His Church.

### THE DIVISION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION

The modern facilities of the Protestant Radio and Television Center are used in reaching an untold multitude of people. Our Church is part owner in this $500,000 production center. Many radio and television programs are available for use in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. Perhaps never before has there been so wide a coverage by any Protestant denomination. A library of music on disc and on tape for use in leading singing, for radio programs portraying Christian family life, fifteen minute films for special groups in the church, and many other services are available for every agency of the church and there is an increasing awareness of their value.

### THE DIVISION OF NEGRO WORK

Our Negro work is growing. For a long time we reported 3,000 membership in our Negro churches. Today we report 5,000. There is a growing interest in the work in many communities where new churches are contemplated. The effort to raise $2,000,000 in the Negro Work Campaign was launched in 1953. On May 15 churches and individuals had paid in $1,772,082 while a Georgia foundation had advanced $60,000 of its $100,000 grant to Stillman College before any of its original conditions had been met. In addition, the trustees of this foundation have advanced the time limit on its $40,000 balance to January 15, 1957. We have now realized a total of $1,832,082 from the campaign effort. This is one of the largest missionary efforts in the history of the Church. Plans for recruiting and training ministers for the Negro churches continue with a special emphasis upon reaching the best men possible for the task. In its work the central theme of evangelism is stressed with a concerted effort to reach the unreached for Christ.

With this report we respectfully submit the following recomemndations:

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. That the Church Extension Season, September 24-October 21, be observed as a time of rededication to the evangelistic and extension enterprise of the Church; that all pastors be requested to acquaint their people with the challenging opportunities now before the Church that call for an enlarged and sustained Church Extension advance; and that the entire Church be summoned to united and earnest prayer for all phases of the Church Extension Program.

2. That all organizations, Men's Groups, Women of the Church, Youth Fellowships and Sunday Schools, be urged to make the largest possible use of the study season, September 24-October 21, using the denominational adult study book, "Bright Future—A New Day for the Town and Country Church" by James M. Carr, the recommended interdenominational books for all age groups, and the supplementary materials prepared by the Promotion Department of the Board.

3. That during the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for Church Extension, 1957, our people be asked for a $1,000,000 supplemental offering to help meet the pressing need for capital funds to *build churches* in this day of marvelous opportunity; it being understood that 80% of all funds so raised in any presbytery shall be retained by it for church building within its own bounds and 20% remitted to the Board of Church Extension for distribution to areas of greatest need and opportunity.

### HOME MISSIONS

4. That the following statement concerning Donation Contracts be adopted:

WHEREAS, the 1952 General Assembly instructed its Board of Church Extension to use a particular form of security covering donations for church buildings and manses and the purchase of property, which form is known as a Donation Contract, and

WHEREAS, the said General Assembly recommended that all presbyteries and synods use the same procedure in securing their own funds when donated for similar purposes, and

WHEREAS, this procedure may require the execution of three practically identical contracts by one local congregation, therefore,

*Be It Resolved:*

(1.) That, when a presbytery and/or a synod participates with the Board of Church Extension in making a building grant to a local congregation, a *single*

Donation Contract shall be secured by the presbytery and copies thereof furnished to the synod and Board of Church Extension.
(2.) That the Board of Church Extension be instructed to print and furnish free of charge to presbyteries and synods this form of Donation Contract.
(3.) That all presbyteries and synods be urged to use such a Donation Contract in securing their own funds granted to local congregations.
(4.) That the form of the Donation Contract be revised so as to provide space for amounts donated by each of the agencies sharing in a given project.

### EVANGELISM

5. That churches use such methods as Visitation Evangelism, Evangelism through Friendship, Youth to Youth Evangelism, Church Attendance Crusades, Preaching Missions, and other proven means to assist in attaining the goals of the Forward with Christ Program.

6. That the period, March 4-April 21, 1957 and the month of August, 1957, be designated for special emphasis upon Evangelism over the entire Church.

7. That ministers be urged to make use of Evangelism Sunday, December 1, 1957, to challenge the laity to greater concern to share Christ with others.

8. That the book on personal witnessing, "You Can Witness," be commended for general reading and study, particularly by the laity of the Church.

9. That local churches be urged to conduct communicant classes for adults as well as children, as a means of instructing new members for reception; and that the sessions appoint a committee to study the proper procedure for reception and assimilation of new members; enlisting the inactive resident member, the non-resident member, and the member on the retired roll; using suggested tools in the specially prepared Assimilation Packet, and other such material furnished by the Division of Evangelism, or other churches.

10. That a special expression of appreciation be made to the Division of Evangelism for the organization and presentation of the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism which stimulated interest in Evangelism and provided a spiritual atmosphere for the opening of the Assembly, and recommend that this Division plan for a similar conference preceding the ninety-seventh Assembly in Birmingham in 1957, and that the conference be commended to all the Commissioners.

### RADIO AND TELEVISION

11. That an Ad Interim Committee of seven be appointed to study the whole field of mass communications by the agencies of the Assembly, the costs involved and the policies and procedures to be followed in promoting the most effective use. This committee shall include representatives of the agencies of the Church, business men, and representatives of the radio and television industry.

### NEGRO WORK CAMPAIGN

12. That this Assembly thank all who have contributed to the Presbyterian Negro Work Campaign and urge the prompt raising of the last $128,000 necessary to reach the original goal of $2,000,000 by January 15, 1957.

13. That congregations throughout the Assembly be encouraged to colonize and sponsor the organization of new churches in areas of population growth.

14. That we express our appreciation to Dr. P. D. Miller and all those associated with him for their faithful services, and for their contributions to the work of the Standing Committee during this meeting of the General Assembly.

15. We respectfully recommend the nomination of:
Rev. Arthur V. Gibson to represent the Board of Church Extension on the General Council of the Church.
For the Class of 1959 membership: Rev. W. C. Brown, Rev. A. W. Dick, Rev. James L. Doom, Rev. Joseph B. Ledford, Mrs. Marc C. Weersing, Dr. Edward Grant, Rev. J. Davison Philips.

For the Class of 1958 we recommend Mrs. T. D. McConnell to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. S. A. Robinson, Sr.

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. McGukin, *Chairman*
A. R. Craig, *Secretary*

The Stated Clerk read a message from the members of the secular press present at the Assembly expressing appreciation of the many courtesies extended to them by Mr. Bluford Hestir, Director of Publicity of the General Council, and his staff.

Rev. Fred J. Hay presented the report of the Standing Committee on World Missions which was adopted and is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WORLD MISSIONS

The following have been referred to this Committee by the General Assembly:

1. Overture 23.
2. (a) The report of the Board of World Missions.
   (b) Supplemental report on Japan International Christian University.
3. Minutes of the Board of World Missions.
4. Report of Nominating Committee.

At eight-thirty on Friday morning Dr. Fulton met with the Committee to explain highlights of the written report of the Board of World Missions. He also very graciously entered with us into a period of informal exchange of questions and answers.

On Saturday morning Dr. Bradley was with us for a time, and gave information helpful in considering the action of the Board relative to the Japanese Christian University.

During the past year great things were accomplished for the Lord as a result of the wise planning and supervision of the executive staff, and the faithful labors of our missionaries on the far-flung fields of our World Missions parish. We believe that no finer force of workmen exists on the face of the globe, and details of the fruits of their endeavour as given in the Board's Report will be invaluable in presenting Missions to congregations throughout the Church. One who studies the full report will be moved to say, "What hath God wrought"!

A splendid work of recruiting in the young life of the church has been done from the Nashville office, but we would call the particular attention of the Assembly to the great need for more volunteers to meet the challenge of the hour.

We felicitate the Board upon acquisition of a new site and the early prospect of new and commodious quarters.

The Minutes of the Board of World Missions, 1955, having been carefully read and reviewed, are approved. The Chairman, Dr. Wm. M. Elliott, Jr., and the Executive Secretary, Dr. C. Darby Fulton, together with the members of their Board are highly commended for the orderly, comprehensive and accurate recording and presentation of the proceedings of the Board during the Calendar Year, 1955.

The high percentage of attendance and participation by members of the Board at all regular and called meetings was especially noted.

We have heard a supplemental report from the Board of World Missions concerning a reappraisal of the relation of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., to the Japanese International Christian University.

We call the attention of the Assembly to the fact that last year's request to the Board of World Missions did not call for a report to the 1956 Assembly, but a mere reappraisal on the part of the Board.

The unanimous decision of the Board of World Missions was: "Further, we would favor our Board accepting membership in the J. I .C. U. Foundation in New York when it sees its way clear to put in its Constitution the doctrinal basis of the World Council of Churches, which affirms its acceptance of Jesus Christ as God and Saviour."

We recommend the adoption of the following recommendations:

1. That the whole Church be called to fervent daily prayer that the much-needed new missionaries might be forthcoming.

2. That preachers be requested to stress the Biblical and theological basis for World Missions, including mankind's lost condition apart from Jesus Christ.

3. That pastors, sessions and local church leaders make definite efforts to assist in recruiting the new missionaries needed to meet the "Forward With Christ" goal for World Missions (a net gain of 168 additional missionaries during 1955, 1956 and 1957). It is suggested that pastors canvass their church rolls for suitable young adults within the age limits of 25-30 inclusive. It is suggested that all synods and presbyteries summer conferences have a class in World Missions.

4. That the World Mission Season, February 3 to March 3, 1957, be observed in all our churches as a time for church-wide dedication to the world task of Christian missions; that ministers be asked to preach on such subjects as will increase the sense of responsibility and privilege in the world-wide mission of the Church; and that the whole Church be called to earnest prayer for this effort.

5. That the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial for World Missions be observed by every church in the Assembly, with its organizations, February 24-March 3, 1957; and that all Sessions be urged to arrange for supplemental offerings in the churches; and appeals for commitment of lives to the service of Christ on the foreign field.

6. That all the organizations of the Church—men and women, church schools and youth fellowships—be urged to keep World Missions before the Church throughout the year, using at the special time of study the books and materials for the various age groups prepared by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education and by the Educational Department of the Board; that the inter-denominational theme for 1956-57 "Southeast Asia" be the subject of special study, and that our churches acquaint themselves with the implications of this study with special emphasis on Taiwan (Formosa).

7. That attendance at the World Mission Conference in Montreat, North Carolina, July 26-August 1, 1956, be urged on the men, women, and young people throughout the Church, and that those who have responsibility for World Missions in their congregations, particularly in the Presbyteries, be especially encouraged to attend.

8. That the Church continue to make the wisest and fullest use of furloughed missionaries; also that members of the World Mission Board and Staff and others with special knowledge of missions, particularly ministers with experience on mission fields, be used as speakers and leaders in churches, schools and conferences throughout the General Assembly.

9. That the Young People's World Mission Objective to provide equipment for the High School for the West Brazil Mission be commended to all our Youth Fellowships.

10. That ministers throughout the Church be urged to give full cooperation to the Chairmen of World Missions in the Presbyteries in order that there may be a fuller and better coordinated program in the whole promotion of Missions in their areas.

11. That all pastors and churches be urged to keep before their members the urgent need for material relief and spiritual aid in war-torn areas of the world.

12. That collections of used clothing, blankets, etc., be made by churches at least twice a year, designated as contributions from the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and sent to Church World Service, New Windsor, Maryland, or Church World Service, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri.

13. That attention be drawn to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) as an authorized and recommended agency, and that members of our churches be asked to contribute foodstuffs, fibers, etc., to CROP.

14. That a special Easter Offering be received, April 21, 1957, for alleviating human suffering and need in the name of Christ throughout the world, the funds to be administered by the Board of World Missions through its Department of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid for work not included in their budget, working cooperatively with other Protestant denominations in Church World Service, CROP, and the World Council of Churches.

15. We would answer overture 23 from Wilmington Presbytery in the negative. Our investigation shows that the measures requested therein are already a matter

of practice, effective at the discretion and the will of the Board of World Missions. The Board has the authority in paragraph 7 of its manual to call missionaries where circumstances indicated are prevailing. With reference to the section in the overture relative to encouraging the Board to make a personal approach to students, we would report that the Board is presently using the personal approach to the limit of its ability. Our investigation shows that our seminaries and our Training School are regularly visited by representatives of the Board of World Missions who not only make general calls for volunteers but who also approach individual students with particular openings for missionary service. It would seem that our own and all the major Mission Boards must continue to depend on the volunteer system as the major source of new missionaries since world missionaries are expected to enter this work on a life-time basis. The Board of World Missions issues definite calls to particular service wherever the circumstances indicate that this is the most effective plan.

16. We suggest that the Board of World Missions prepare a pamphlet to aid parents in counseling their children in considering World Missions Service.

17. We recommend the election of the following as members of the Board, the class of 1959: Mr. Thomas Barnhardt, Rev. James E. Bear, Mr. Morgan McCormick, Mrs. H. C. Bleckschmidt, Rev. W. L. McColgan, Rev. Robert E. Craig, Mr. William H. McCord.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED J. HAY, *Chairman*

Rev. George H. Vick, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Committee on Christian Relations which was adopted and is as follows:

## REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

The Standing Committee received from the General Assembly the following overtures and communications:

1. Report of the Council on Christian Relations.
2. Report of the Nominating Committee.
3. Overtures 30, 39, 49.

The Standing Committee on Christian Relations unanimously recommends:

I. That the Report of the Council on Christian Relations be adopted as amended. (See Appendix, pp. 171-177.)

II. That the following recommendations be adopted:

1. That the membership of the Council on Christian Relations be arranged in classes in order to avoid the loss of too many members in one year. The following arrangement is suggested:

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| Board of Church Extension | E. T. Thompson)<br>Albert C. Winn)<br>George H. Wright) | The members of the Council nominated by the Board of Church Extension automatically constitute the Division of Christian Relations; therefore their term of office depends upon the actions of the Board . |
| | 1957 | |
| Board of Christian Education | | John B. Spragens |
| Board of World Missions | | Harry M. Moffett, Jr. |
| At Large | | Mrs. Robert L. MacDougall |
| At Large | | Frank H. Caldwell |
| | 1958 | |
| Board of Women's Work | | Miss Annie Tait Jenkins |
| Board of Christian Education | | William P. Anderson, Jr. |
| At Large | | Irvin Elligan |
| At Large | | John H. Hill |
| | 1959 | |
| Board of Christian Education | | Emile Dieth |
| At Large | | Robert B. McNeill |
| At Large | | Robert R. Wilson |

2. That overture 46 from Lexington Presbytery to the 1955 General Assembly, reading as follows: "That the General Assembly go on record as opposing: (a) beer and liquor advertising on radio and television, and in newspapers and magazines; (b) the type of program presented on radio and television which exalts the criminal as hero; and (c) the publishing and distribution of horror-sex-crime stories and pictures in so-called comic books," be answered as follows:

A. That the General Assembly go on record as deeply deploring (a) the wide advertising of beer and liquor through the channel of radio, television, newspapers and magazines; (b) the publishing and distributing of horror-sex-crime stories in any format.

B. That church members be urged to use their influence in the local community to arouse sentiment against such advertisements and publications, both through group and individual channels, and to protest to the agencies which promote such practices.

3. That the report of the Council on Christian Relations to the General Assembly, entitled "The Church's Relationship to Community Delinquency Problems," be adopted and commended for study and for wide distribution among the churches. (See Appendix, pp. 171-177.)

4. That the session of each church be urged to appoint a committee or use an existing committee to interpret, encourage and support the work of Christian Relations.

5. That all churches in the General Assembly make use of the month of January for informing members of the scope of Christian Relations and emphasizing the relevance of Christian attitudes and actions to Christian profession and living.

6. That in their planning for 1957 the session of each church make provision for observing through study programs and plans affecting community life the special emphasis in the General Assembly for that year, namely, "Christian Citizenship."

7. That the General Assembly urgently call upon church leaders, both ministers and laymen, and church members generally to accept their responsibility as Christian citizens in promoting justice and good will, and in sustaining law and order in their local communities during these days of tension and transition in the South.

8. That, as a necessary means of promoting right human relations and the democratic way of life, the General Assembly suggest the use of the conference table where citizens regardless of race, may confront their common problems with full and equal opportunity of expression in seeking a solution to them.

9. That the General Assembly engage in prayer for the guidance and blessing of God upon our nation in these days of crisis and decision; and upon the Church that a true witness to the redemptive power of God, both in individual and corporate life, may be given.

III. That the Report of the Permanent Nominating Committee of the General Assembly naming Robert B. McNeill and Robert R. Wilson to the Class of 1959 and Mrs. Robert L. MacDougall to the Class of 1957 be adopted.

IV. That overture 30, from the Presbytery of Harmony, overture 39 from the Presbytery of East Alabama and overture 49 from the Presbytery of Charleston be answered in the negative.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE H. VICK, *Chairman*
PITSER M. LYONS, III, *Secretary*

Rev. Irvine H. Williams presented the following motion which was adopted:

Seeking to implement the action of this Assembly which authorized the establishment of a Permanent Committee on Christianity and Health, I move that the Moderator name not less than six nor more than nine members to this Permanent Committee, dividing these into three classes, and further, that the personnel of this committee consist of a man or men from the active pastorate, of a Christian Doctor (general practitioner and/or psychiatrist) and a person or persons from the seminaries of our Church and/or the Assembly's Training School or other Assembly's institutions.

Upon motion the Assembly authorized the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly to bring into alignment the final date for the recep-

tion of overtures in keeping with the earlier date of the meeting of the General Assembly.

Rev. R. L. Scoggins presented the report of the Committee on Thanks. On the invitation of the Moderator the motion was put by Rev. Elwin H. Roberts. The motion was adopted and the report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THANKS

It has been a rich experience for the ninety-sixth General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to meet in Montreat. Even the elements were in our favor, the chilly breath of Providence serving only to increase our appetites and sharpen our intellects in preparation for the important work of each day. Like the Psalmist we can say: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." But as is so often the case His blessings and mercies are channeled through the sons of men. There are many more groups and individuals to whom we should like to express our sincere gratitude, but neither time now, or space later in the minutes, will permit it.

We are especially grateful to God

For our beloved Moderator, Dr. W. Taliaferro Thompson, for his efficiency and fairness in presiding over the meetings, for his gentle patience, his relaxing humor, and his never-ending thoughtfulness.

For Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, President of the Mountain Retreat Association, and his staff who cared for our physical needs in such a splendid way.

For Mr. C. A. Stubbs, Manager of Montreat Hotels, and Mr. Harry McDonald and their staffs for their careful attention to the multitudinous details of housing and feeding us.

For Mr. Allen Guy, Director, Miss Mary Mangrum, Organist, and the other members of the Montreat College Chorus who added immeasurably to the spirit of worship through the ministry of music.

For Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, Professor of History at Davidson College, and his inspiring address on the realism of Woodrow Wilson.

For the gracious ladies who worked for many hours making the necessary preparations for our communion service.

For the students of Montreat College whose friendliness and unselfish service to the Commissioners can never be forgotten.

For Dr. George E. White (Bradenton, Florida) who gave the beautiful flowers which have adorned the platform and communion table.

For Mr. W. H. McMurray, Black Mountain Chevrolet Dealer, who graciously provided a 1956 Bel-Air for the use of the General Assembly's Office Staff during its session.

For Men's Division, Board of Christian Education, for Commissioner's badges.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD L. SCOGGINS, *Chairman*
HARVEY OVERTON, JR.
FRANK S. HAY

The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved.

The Assembly voted to adjourn at the close of the worship service.

The Moderator made the following pronouncement:

"By virtue of the authority delegated to me by the Church, I do now declare that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States is adjourned to convene in the South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama, April 25, 1957, at 7:30 P.M."

The Rev. Vernon S. Broyles led in a worship service which was concluded with the benediction by the Moderator.

W. TALIAFERRO THOMPSON, *Moderator*

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk*
ARCHIE C. SMITH, *Assistant to the Stated Clerk*

## SUPPLEMENTAL MINUTE

After adjournment of the General Assembly the Moderator made the appointments according to instructions of the Assembly, as follows:

*Member of Permanent Committee on Worship:* Rev. Henry R. Mahler, Jr.

*To Permanent Nominating Committee:* Rev. Henry P. Mobley, E. L. Repass, John B. Salsbery.

*Ad Interim Committee on Homes and Hospitals:* Dr. Edward D. Grant, *Chairman.* Rev. Harvard A. Anderson, Rev. Harry H. Bryan, Rev. John Olert, Jr., Dr. D. M. Allan, Mrs. O. D. Ford, Mr. Garland Lasater, Dr. John R. McCain, Dr. Monroe T. Gilmour, Dr. Alan Keith Lucas.

*Ad Interim Committee on Mass Communications:* Rev. Arthur Vann Gibson, *Chairman.* Rev. R. W. Kirkpatrick, Rev. D. J. Cumming, Mr. Cameron D. Deans, Mr. John Hart, Mr. Kenneth I. Tredwell, Mr. Wilson C. Wearn.

*Ad Interim Committee on Centennial:* Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, *Chairman.* MINISTERS: John N. Thomas, Felix B. Gear, James I. McCord, T. Watson Street, W. Childs Robinson, E. T. Thompson, P. D. Miller, Marshall C. Dendy, C. Darby Fulton, Malcolm L. Purcell, R. H. Stone, B. Frank Hall, Thos. H. Spence, Jr., B. R. Lacy, Jr., Wallace M. Alston. LAY: Mrs. Leighton M. McCutchen, A. M. Davies, Dr. Frontis W. Johnston, Miss Louise A. Davidson.

*Permanent Committee on Christianity and Health:* Rev. Wade H. Boggs, Jr., *Chairman.* Rev. Allison F. Williams, Rev. S. S. Wiley, Rev. W. Priestley Conyers, III, Dr. Charles Phillips, Dr. Lila Bonner-Miller, Dr. Thomas D. Sparrow, Dr. Wm. E. Knight, Dr. L. Nelson Bell.

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk*

Atlanta, Ga., July 5, 1956

## ERRATA LIST FOR PART II, 1956 MINUTES

NOTE: Owners of Part II of the 1956 Minutes of the General Assembly are authorized and requested to make the following corrections in this volume. STATED CLERK.

Page 26—line 9. North Miami church. Correct communicants to 211
line 10. Riviera church. Correct communicants to 580
Page 106—between lines 42 and 43 insert: L. J. Sherrill, Prof., New York, N.Y.
Page 107—line 51. Correct Building Receipts to $4,749. Total for column is correct.
Page 130—line 7. Correct Stone Mountain church to Slate Mountain
Page 140—line 59. Correct Total Communicants to 8,969
Page 147—line 32. Correct Total Benevolences to $385, 395
Page 151—Make same correction in Kanawha Presbytery.
Synod of West Virginia. Correct Total Benevolences to $588,654.
Page 153—Make same correction for Synod of West Virginia
Correct Total Benevolences to $15,224, 972.
Page 154—Correct World Missions 1955 to $2,688,476.
Page 221—Gammon, Joseph M. Correct Box number to 215
Page 232—McCaslin, R. H. Correct street address to 1713 Lakeside Drive

# APPENDIX

## I. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON OFFICE OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly has held two stated meetings during the year. Both meetings were held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Minutes of these meetings have been placed in the hands of the Standing Committee.

During the year the Committee has endeavored to carry out the directives received from the 1955 General Assembly and has reviewed the work of the Office of the General Assembly. The scope of the Committee's activity will be revealed in the following report which is respectfully submitted.

### Administration

The Office of the General Assembly is under the executive supervision of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer. As Stated Clerk he serves as the permanent executive officer of the General Assembly. As Treasurer he is charged with responsibility for the funds placed in his hands to meet the cost of the operation of the General Assembly. He also is Treasurer of the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies Benevolence Accounts.

The following is the report of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer which was presented to the Committee at its stated meeting on March 22.

### Report of the Stated Clerk

During the past year the Office of the General Assembly has successfully met its obligation to the Church and has performed the tasks assigned to it.

The directives from the General Assembly were forwarded to the various Boards, Agencies and Permanent and Ad Interim Committees.

The need for liaison between the several Boards and Agencies of the General Assembly calls for a greater service in this field of activity. The Office has made available to proper persons its records and has rendered an opinion where its interpretation of the intent and purpose of the General Assembly has been sought. Every effort is being made to contribute to those factors which will assist in making the efforts of the several Boards, Agencies and Committees a more cohesive force.

This year our Church passed the 800,000 mark in number of communicants (807,624). As the Church grows there is a corresponding increase in the duties of the Office. There is a steady increase in the volume of correspondence. Counsel and guidance has been sought by congregations as well as the judicatories of the Church.

The reception into the Church of over 800 ministers during the past five years and a monthly change of address list averaging in the neighborhood of 65-75 indicates the demand for more work in the department of records. The keeping up to date of names, addresses, status of ministers and a growing list of churches requires the services of a member of the staff and a great deal of executive oversight.

At the direction of the General Assembly a digest of the manual, "The Clerk of Session" was prepared and issued to the Church through the presbyteries. Orders for the manual were solicited and 1,283 were received. This number was sufficient to guarantee the publication of the book which will be available early in May.

At the direction of the Executive Committee a mimeographed pamphlet of Federal Income Tax information was secured in sufficient quantity to mail a copy to each minister in our Church. There are indications that a considerable saving was realized by a great many ministers.

During the year our files on information for the Ministerial Directory have been brought up to date on ministers who have been ordained and received from other denominations, since the last issue of the Directory in 1951. Over 800 forms with a covering letter have been sent out and the returns are nearly complete.

The Stated Clerk is serving on or with the following General Assembly Committees: The Program Committee, The Committee on the Minister and His Work, the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations, The Permanent Judicial Committee, the Ad Interim Committees on Revision of the Book of Church Order and "United" or Federated Churches. He represents our Church in the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, the joint Committees on Federated Churches from the Presbyterian Churches, U.S., U.S.A. and United. He is a member of the Association of the Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, and the Interchurch Transportation Committee.

The above list indicates that the Stated Clerk has many calls for committee work and it became necessary that his load be lightened. Therefore, he resigned as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Southern Region of the National Council of Churches.

The Assistant has represented the interests of the Office of the General Assembly at the meetings of the Stated Clerks' Association and the Inter-Board Council. He has assisted the Stated Clerk in the executive oversight of the conduct of the Office.

### BLUE BOOK AND MINUTES

These volumes were published and distributed as usual. The demand for Part II of the Minutes (Statistics) was so great that the supply was exhausted and the order has been increased from 4,800 to 5,300 copies.

### MINISTERIAL DIRECTORY

The present status of this publication is revealed by the following statement: Number of copies of 1951 edition printed, 3,500. Payment received for 2,645 copies leaving about 800 on hand. Condensed financial statement is as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance brought forward, March 31, 1950 | $ 392.41 |
| Collections from sales 1950-1954 | 9,164.50 |
| Collections from sales 1955 | 209.30 |
| | $ 9,766.21 |
| Expenditures 1950-1954 | $11,806.34 |
| Expenditures 1955 | 8.56 |
| | $11,814.90 |
| Balance due treasury of General Assembly | $ 2,048.69 |

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The balance in the treasury on December 31, 1955 was $5,816.36. This includes $2,150.35, balance of a fund set aside by order of the 1951 General Assembly (Page 80 of Minutes) for expenses of our delegates to the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches and the World Presbyterian Alliance. Therefore, the real balance is $3,666.01.

The per capita tax was increased at the 1955 session of the General Assembly from 13c to 16c. This was made necessary because of change in date of meeting for the General Assembly which would make Montreat unavailable as place of meeting and, therefore, would necessitate the virtual self-entertainment of the General Assembly. This change goes into effect with the 1957 meeting of the General Assembly. The amount that will be available for 1956 is estimated to be a little more than $125,000.00. Since a budget of $108,000 is contemplated, the working balance at end of 1956 should be approximately $17,000.00 and this, with the $24,000.00 to be derived from the additional 3c per capita for 1957, should yield enough to take care of the increased cost of the 1957 meeting of the General Assembly.

The budget adopted by the General Assembly for the year 1955 was $108,000. Included in this amount was a little over $8,000 as a contingent fund. Since the expenditures totaled only $101,138.44 the estimated items were quite accurate.

As authorized by the 1955 General Assembly, your treasurer invested $10,000.00 each in the Atlanta Federal Savings & Loan Association and the Fulton County Federal Savings & Loan Association. The earnings at the end of the year will be between $650 and $700.

As Treasurer of the GENERAL FUND and INTERCHURCH AGENCIES—two of the six General Assembly approved benevolence causes—it is gratifying to report that

the receipts have shown a gradual increase from the beginning. The budget for the General Fund the first year was $589,185 and receipts were 61.73% of this amount. Each year the budget has been increased but the percentage of receipts also increased. The budget for the year 1955 was $777,378 and $512,311, or 66%, was received. Thus, in four years the amount asked for the General Fund has increased 31.3% while the percentage of receipts has increased from 61.7% to 66%. This indicates an encouraging improvement in the support of the General Fund by the Church.

Askings for the Interchurch Agencies has remained about the same but the percentage of receipts has increased from 76.5% the first year to 78.4% for the year 1955. Our Church should provide a much larger support for the interdenominational bodies with which we are affiliated.

The audited reports of your treasurer for the General Assembly and the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies follow:

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*

## SUMMARY OF CASH TRANSACTIONS
## FUND OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
January 1-December 31, 1955

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BALANCE IN BANK—January 1, 1955 | | | | $ 5,706.21 |
| RECEIPTS: | | | | |
| From Presbyteries—1955 Assessments | | | $ 98,032.35 | |
| From Sale of Publications: | | | | |
| General Assembly Minutes and Reports | | $ 1,204.64 | | |
| Blue Books | | 46.50 | | |
| Printed Matter on Union | | 391.35 | | |
| Ministerial Directory | | 209.30 | 1,851.79 | |
| From Manley Estate Fund | | | 1,364.45 | |
| | | | | 101,248.59 |
| | | | | $106,954.80 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Expense of General Assembly Meetings: | | | | |
| Commissioners' Travel | $31,311.13 | | | |
| less refunds | 18.95 | 31,292.18 | | |
| Entertainment | | 1,985.81 | | |
| Expenses at General Assembly | | 566.59 | $ 33,844.58 | |
| Publications and Printing: | | | | |
| Material on Union | | $ 52.73 | | |
| Minutes: | | | | |
| Printing | $ 7,567.80 | | | |
| Distribution | 1,085.06 | $ 8,652.86 | | |
| Blue Books | | 711.34 | | |
| Ministerial Directory | | 8.56 | | |
| Volume of Reports | | 1,465.15 | $ 10,890.64 | |
| Committee Expenses: | | | | |
| Permanent committees | | $ 3,752.91 | | |
| Ad Interim committees | | 2,330.08 | $ 6,082.99 | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appropriations to: | | | |
| Minister and His Work | $16,973.29 | | |
| less refunds | 169.75 | $ 16,803.54 | |
| Historical Foundation | $ 5,957.48 | | |
| less Equalization Fund | 4,784.40 | $ 1,173.08 | |
| North American Area | $ 3,904.27 | | |
| less Interchurch Agencies | 566.89 | $ 3,337.38 | $ 21,314.00 |
| Representatives: | | | |
| To and from Other Bodies | | $ 208.11 | |
| To Nat'l Council | $1,069.59 | | |
| less refund | 12.00 | $ 1,057.59 | |
| To World Council | $1,040.24 | | |
| less refund | 39.39 | $ 1,000.85 | |
| To World Pres. Alliance | 1,153.25 | $ 3,211.69 | $ 3,419.80 |
| Expense of Moderators | | $ 610.58 | |
| less refund | | 125.00 | $ 485.58 |
| Expense of moving Rev. Archie Smith | | | 414.30 |
| Travel Expense of Stated Clerk and Asst. to S.C. | | | 204.37 |
| | | | $ 76,656.26 |
| Expenses of Office of Stated Clerk and Treasurer: | | | |
| Salaries: | | | |
| Stated Clerk and Treasurer | $ 7,500.00 | | |
| Assistant to Stated Clerk | 3,635.45 | | |
| Office Secretary | 3,000.00 | | |
| Office Assistant | 3,000.00 | $ 17,135.45 | |
| Manse Allowance: | | | |
| Stated Clerk | $ 1,200.00 | | |
| Assistant to Stated Clerk | 700.00 | $ 1,900.00 | |
| Equipment and Supplies | $ 1,326.86 | | |
| less sale of typewriter | 50.00 | $ 1,276.86 | |
| M.A.F., E.A.F., Insurance Hospitalization | $ 1,615.69 | | |
| less refund on insurance | 7.12 | $ 1,608.57 | |
| Rent | | $ 1,679.11 | |
| Telephone and Telegraph | | 463.14 | |
| Postage and Mail Pickup | 356.84 | | |
| less refund | 30.00 | 326.84 | |
| Auditing | | $ 90.00 | |
| Exchange on Checks | $ 12.64 | | |
| less refunds | 10.43 | 2.21 | |
| | | | $ 24,482.18 101,138.44 |
| BALANCE IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1955 | | | $ 5,816.36 |

## THE GENERAL FUND AND INTERCHURCH AGENCIES

January 18, 1955-January 16, 1956

### RECEIPTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| The General Fund | | | |
| On hand in Bank January 18, 1955 | | | $ 244.39 |
| Contributions received: | | | |
| Undesignated | $505,356.90 | | |
| Designated | 6,984.38 | | |
| | $512,341.28 | | |
| Less Adjustments | 30.00 | $512,311.28 | |
| Interchurch Agencies | | | |
| Contributions received | | 15,458.26 | 527.769.54 |
| | | | $528,013.93 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

| The General Fund<br>Distribution of Funds | *Specials* | *Regular* | *Totals* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Board of Women's Work | | $ 81,863.14 | $ 81,863.14 | |
| The General Council | | 72,172.82 | 72,172.82 | |
| Assembly's Training Sch. | $ 703.40 | 121,141.20 | 121,844.60 | |
| Montreat | 1,683.38 | 110,025.68 | 111,708.97 | |
| Stillman College | 500.50 | 81,863.14 | 82,363.64 | |
| Historical Foundation | 40.00 | 14,737.39 | 14,777.39 | |
| American Bible Society | | 22,913.62 | 22,913.62 | |
| | $2,927.18 | $504,717.00 | $507,644.18 | |
| Interchurch Agencies | | | | |
| The National Council | | $ 7,991.92 | | |
| The World Council | | 5,889.60 | | |
| The Lord's Day Alliance | | 788.37 | | |
| Religion in American Life | | 788.37 | 15,458.26 | |
| | | | $523,102.44 | |
| Administrative | | | | |
| Salary—Bookkeeper-Typist | | $ 3,000.00 | | |
| Social Security | | 60.00 | | |
| Employees Annuity | | 120.00 | | |
| Postage | | 37.82 | | |
| Printing | | 389.30 | | |
| Equipment and Supplies | | 565.85 | | |
| Exchange on checks | | 33.56 | | |
| Insurance and Hospitalization | | 42.08 | | |
| Telephone | | 162.00 | | |
| Rent | | 240.00 | | |
| Audit—1954 Records | | 60.00 | $ 4,710.61 | $527,813.05 |
| Balance in Bank, January 16, 1956 | | | | $ 200.88 |

The audit of the above Treasurer's accounts has been examined and found in order by the Committee. Your Committee feels the Stated Clerk and the staff of the Office of the General Assembly are to be commended for their diligent and sacrificial service to their task.

### TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to the action of the 1955 General Assembly your Committee has made arrangements for the 1957 Meeting of the General Assembly. An invitation from the South Highland Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Alabama, has been accepted. The date has been set for April 25th.

THE REFORMED AND PRESBYTERIAN WORLD

The Committee has ordered sufficient copies of THE REFORMED AND PRESBYTERIAN WORLD to provide our ministers with a year's subscription. The Reformed and Presbyterian World is the quarterly publication of the World Presbyterian Alliance in Geneva. It will be forwarded in bulk shipment to Atlanta and mailed individually from the Office of the General Assembly. This gift subscription is being made with the hope that the ministers will continue their subscription on an individual basis after the first year and will acquaint the laymen of the congregations with this periodical.

Respectfully submitted,
FELIX B. GEAR, *Chairman*
RALPH E. WILGUS, *Secretary*

## II. REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Your Trustees respectfully submit their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1956.

The regular business of the Board has been attended to in the usual manner during the year. The business of the Trustees consists of the supervision of legacies or gifts given to the various organizations of the Church. It is the duty of the Trustees to invest and reinvest the principal of these funds and to distribute the income earned to the various beneficiaries according to the provisions of the different wills and trusts. Details of the operations for the year will be found in the Financial Report, which is made a part of this report. The Trust Department of the Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., is custodian of the various assets and keeps the records and books of the Trustees, subject to the direction of the Trustees.

Two new legacies were received during the year. The Estate of Emma Lilian Keigwin, Washington, D. C., distributed one-seventh of the residuary estate amounting to $3,300.04 to the Trustees with no specific designation as to use. A token distribution of $8,800.45 was received from the Estate of Calvin T. Young of Tampa, Florida. It is anticipated that this fund, amounting to approximately $1,000,000.00 will be received in the near future, since the administration of this estate is about complete.

We now have 42 legacies, amounting to $847,293.49, and annuity bonds of $17,000.00. The Trustees also have reserve funds of $17,147.40 and unexpended income balances of $60,250.80. These funds have been invested in U. S. Treasury Bonds, corporate bonds, first mortgage notes, and preferred and common stocks.

The Trustees endeavor to secure a reasonable return on the investments while insuring the soundness of the investments. The Trustees employ the United Investment Counsel of Boston, Mass., as their consultant on investments. Changes in investments during the year have resulted in the following percentages:

| | 3/31/56 | 3/31/55 |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. Treas. & Corporate Bonds | 36.34 | 37.88 |
| Real Estate Mortgages | 32.05 | 31.28 |
| Preferred Stocks | 7.31 | 7.56 |
| Common Stocks | 24.30 | 23.28 |
| | 100.00% | 100.00% |

An increase in yield on investments for the year can be seen from the following comparison:

| | Year Ended 3/31/56 | Year Ended 3/31/55 |
|---|---|---|
| Gross Income | 37,476.36 | 34,161.60 |
| Percentage to principal balances | 4.39% | 4.14% |
| Net income after expenses | 33,216.96 | 30,193.04 |
| Percentage to principal balances | 3.89% | 3.66% |

In addition to the above income earned on investments by the Trustees, income was also received from the Louisville Trust Co., Louisville, Kentucky, Trustee U/W

John Sutton in the amount of $418.23; Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C., Trustee U/W of R. A. Dunn, $5,666.81; and First National Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville, N. C., Trustee U/A for W. H. B. Simpson and Katherine S. M. Simpson in the amount of $396.81.

Legacy income in the amount of $30,350.18 was paid to the various organizations of the Church, with a balance of $60,250.80 undistributed income on hand.

Attention is called to the fact that many organizations of the Church are benefited by the distributions of income. The Board of World Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Christian Education, Board of Annuities and Relief, Assembly's Training School, Union Theological Seminary, one college, three orphanages, The Office of the General Assembly, one synod, three presbyteries, five local churches, one church paper and others receive regular distribution.

The following trustees' terms expire with the 1956 meeting:

Dr. F. L. Jackson
Rev. W. H. Hopper
Mr. I. W. Stewart

The officers of the Trustees for the past year have been:

Mr. T. S. McPheeters, *President*
Mr. I. W. Stewart, *Vice-President*
Dr. F. L. Jackson, *Secretary and Treasurer*

T. S. MCPHEETERS, *President*

## TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION, INC.

### BALANCE SHEET

### MARCH 31, 1956

### ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in Bank | | $ 31,588.96 |
| Investments | | |
| First Mortgage Notes (Schedule 3) | $290,976.83 | |
| Bonds (Sechedule 2) | 329,848.66 | |
| Preferred Stock (Schedule 1) | 66,340.38 | |
| Common Stock (Schedule 1) | 217,976.93 | |
| Real Estate (Schedule 3-A) | 2,646.00 | 907,788.80 |
| Interest recoverable (Annuities paid in excess of income earned) | | 2,105.49 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | | 208.44 |
| | | $941,691.69 |

### LIABILITIES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Trust Legacies (Schedule 5) | | $847,293.49 |
| Annuity Bonds (Schedule 5) | | 17,000.00 |
| Reserve Account (Schedule 7) | | 17,147.40 |
| Unexpended Balances | | |
| Blowing Rock Youth Fund | $ 4,374.93 | |
| Kenly Memorial Student Loan Fund | 266.61 | |
| Latta Memorial Fund | 9,988.40 | |
| Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund | 44,936.42 | |
| McElwee Fund | 601.94 | |
| Workman Grave Fund | 50.00 | |
| Keigwin Fund | 32.50 | 60,250.80 |
| | | $941,691.69 |

## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1956

### RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Principal | | |
| Notes Receivable Collected | | $ 70,753.64 |
| Securities Sold or Redeemed | | 37,718.31 |
| Cash Additions to Legacies (Schedule 8) | | 12,100.49 |
| Income Received | | |
| Income from Legacy and Annuity Investments (Schedule 4) | | 37,476.36 |
| Other Legacy Income (Schedule 5-B) | | 6,157.75 |
| Other Items | | |
| Expense Account Receipts (Schedule 4) | $ 4,583.50 | |
| Less Transfers (Non Cash Items) | 4,259.40 | 324.10 |
| Bank Balance March 31, 1955 | | 25,866.55 |
| | | $190,397.20 |

### DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Principal | |
| Loans Made | $ 87,100.00 |
| Securities Purchased | 35,816.91 |
| Income Disbursements | |
| Legacy Income Paid to Beneficiaries (Schedule 6) | 30,350.18 |
| Annuities Paid (Schedule 9) | 957.65 |
| Expense Account Disbursements (Schedule 4) | 4,583.50 |
| Bank Balance March 31, 1956 | 31,588.96 |
| | $190,397.20 |

SCHEDULE 1

### STOCKS

| | No. of Shares | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| Preferred Stock: | | |
| Flintkote Co., $4.00 cum. pfd. | 100 | $ 10,747.50 |
| General Tire & Rubber Co., 3¾% cum. pfd. | 100 | 9,835.00 |
| Household Finance Corp., 3¾% cum. pfd. | 150 | 15,042.90 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 5½% 1st pfd. | 300 | 10,864.50 |
| Potomac Electric Power Co., 3.60% pfd. | 126 | 5,418.00 |
| R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., pfd. | 150 | 14,432.48 |
| | | $ 66,340.38 |
| Common Stock: | | |
| American Gas & Electric Co. | 306 | $ 13,863.76 |
| American Tel. & Tel. Co. | 210 | 32,556.72 |
| Armstrong Cork Co. | 450 | 11,414.99 |
| Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. | 250 | 6,415.04 |
| Borden Company | 100 | 4,960.59 |
| Chemical Corn Exchange Bank | 242 | 9,195.58 |
| Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C. | 200 | 11,100.00 |
| Corn Products Refining Co. | 375 | 8,552.32 |
| General Foods Corp. | 40 | 1,854.66 |
| International Harvester Co. | 300 | 10,620.18 |
| Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. | 100 | 6,922.12 |
| Mutual Building & Loan Assn., Charlotte, N. C. | 100 | 10,000.00 |
| Mutual Home & Savings Assn., Newport News, Va. | 5 | 500.00 |
| National Biscuit Co. | 300 | 11,062.31 |
| Phillips Petroleum Co. | 120 | 8,174.05 |
| Port Sutton, Inc. | 90 | 9,000.00 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sterling Drug, Inc. | 200 | 7,668.00 |
| Sterling Investment Fund, Inc. | 2,100 | 20,802.46 |
| Texas Company | 300 | 17,351.40 |
| Underwood Corp. | 150 | 7,754.72 |
| Virginia Electric & Power Co. | 300 | 8,208.33 |
| | | $217,976.93 |
| Total Common and Preferred Stocks | | $284,317.31 |

SCHEDULE 2

BONDS

| | Par Value | Book Value |
|---|---|---|
| Aluminum Co. of America, 3⅛% of 2/1/64 | $10,000.00 | $ 10,155.98 |
| American Tel. & Tel., 2⅞% of 6/1/87 | 10,000.00 | 10,198.72 |
| American Tobacco Co., 3% of 10/15/69 | 9,000.00 | 9,310.77 |
| Atlantic Refining Co., 2⅝% of 1/15/66 | 10,000.00 | 10,031.22 |
| Celanese Corp. of America, 3% of 10/1/65 | 9,000.00 | 9,213.20 |
| Chicago Union Station, 3⅛% of 1/1/63 | 5,000.00 | 5,042.64 |
| Chicago Union Station, 3⅛% of 7/1/63 | 10,000.00 | 10,230.34 |
| Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., 3% of 5/1/61 | 10,000.00 | 10,183.07 |
| Louisiana Power & Light Co., 3% of 4/1/74 | 15,000.00 | 15,531.15 |
| Narragansett Electric Co., 3% of 9/1/74 | 10,000.00 | 10,470.83 |
| New York Power & Light Co., 2¾% of 3/1/75 | 10,000.00 | 10,039.26 |
| New York Connecting RR. Co., 2⅞% of 10/1/75 | 5,000.00 | 4,991.37 |
| New York Steam Corp., 3½% of 7/1/63 | 10,000.00 | 10,240.69 |
| Northern States Power Co. of Wisc., 2⅝% of 4/1/77 | 10,000.00 | 10,090.52 |
| Ohio Edison Co., 3% of 9/1/74 | 15,000.00 | 15,604.31 |
| Pacific Gas & Electric Co., 3% of 12/1/79 | 10,000.00 | 10,517.45 |
| Package Products Co., Inc., 6% of 11/1/64 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| Philadelphia Electric Co., 2¾% of 12/1/81 | 10,000.00 | 10,101.95 |
| Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 3% of 4/1/67 | 10,000.00 | 10,064.50 |
| Public Service Co. of Indiana, 3⅛% of 9/1/75 | 10,000.00 | 10,475.00 |
| Southern Bell Tel. & Tel. Co., 3% of 7/1/79 | 15,000.00 | 15,787.96 |
| Southern California Gas Co., 3¼% of 10/1/70 | 15,000.00 | 15,446.15 |
| Union Electric Co. of Missouri, 3% of 5/1/68 | 15,000.00 | 15,216.44 |
| Washington Water Power Co., 3½% of 6/1/64 | 10,000.00 | 10,457.16 |
| U. S. Treas. 1½% notes of 4/1/58 | 40,000.00 | 40,447.98 |
| U. S. Treas. Series G of 1/1/57 | 10,000.00 | 10,000.00 |
| U. S. Treas. Series G of 1/1/61 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 |
| | | $329,848.66 |

SCHEDULE 3

FIRST MORTGAGE NOTES RECEIVABLE

| | Date of Note | Original Amount | Rate | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Mott Alexander | 3/16/56 | $ 1,000.00 | 5% | $ 1,000.00 |
| Herman F. Anderson | 9/8/54 | 10,000.00 | 5% | 7,500.00 |
| L. L. Bartlett | 8/4/54 | 500.00 | 6% | 200.00 |
| Mrs. Myrtle Skipper Becker | 1/23/56 | 5,000.00 | 5% | 5,000.00 |
| H. L. Bizzell | 7/9/51 | 6,000.00 | 5% | 3,750.00 |
| F. T. Broome | 8/27/54 | 14,000.00 | 5% | 12,950.00 |
| F. T. Broome | 1/25/52 | 18,000.00 | 5% | 12,000.00 |
| F. D. Collins | 4/8/53 | 12,500.00 | 5% | 10,000.00 |
| F. D. Collins | 6/22/53 | 12,500.00 | 5% | 10,000.00 |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H. W. Covington | 10/4/54 | 3,700.00 | 5% | 2,960.00 |
| Robert J. Covington | 7/1/55 | 3,000.00 | 5% | 2,850.00 |
| R. D. Crater | 2/8/56 | 13,800.00 | 5% | 13,800.00 |
| S. H. Duncan | 2/17/55 | 8,000.00 | 5% | 6,500.00 |
| J. E. and Stanley Elrod | 9/2/53 | 25,000.00 | 6% | 25,000.00 |
| William Fine | 8/21/53 | 5,000.00 | 5% | 2,500.00 |
| Wm. W. Garthright | 1/15/42 | 4,000.00 | 5% | 2,750.00 |
| R. Craig Gaskell | 9/6/51 | 13,500.00 | 5% | 9,000.00 |
| P. C. Godfrey, Inc. | 11/24/47 | 10,000.00 | 4½% | 2,000.00 |
| Palmer L. Gordon | 2/11/55 | 5,500.00 | 5% | 4,900.00 |
| M. H. Gribble | 7/28/54 | 8,500.00 | 5% | 7,028.80 |
| Edsel C. High | 5/18/55 | 9,000.00 | 5% | 7,500.00 |
| J. L. Hoyle | 12/7/48 | 2,000.00 | 5% | 725.00 |
| R. E. James | 4/8/53 | 6,000.00 | 5% | 4,500.00 |
| W. M. Morris | 2/22/56 | 6,000.00 | 5% | 6,000.00 |
| W. M. Morris | 1/15/46 | 1,000.00 | 6% | 1,000.00 |
| W. C. Morrison | 2/15/56 | 10,000.00 | 5% | 10,000.00 |
| Floyd McClure | 10/11/55 | 4,000.00 | 5% | 4,000.00 |
| Preston Nowlin | 9/13/50 | 3,800.00 | 4½% | 3,100.00 |
| W. F. Owens | 7/1/55 | 2,800.00 | 5% | 2,200.00 |
| W. P. Pender | 11/4/53 | 2,400.00 | 6% | 1,000.00 |
| Presbyterian Ext. Committee of Corpus Christi, Texas | 7/29/54 | 25,000.00 | 4% | 25,000.00 |
| Ivey Owens Puckett | 12/18/52 | 15,000.00 | 5% | 10,500.00 |
| W. L. Puckett | 6/16/54 | 11,000.00 | 5% | 10,086.00 |
| H. H. Rhyne | 5/7/55 | 1,000.00 | 5% | 1,000.00 |
| Paul Robertson | 5/27/54 | 6,800.00 | 5% | 5,780.00 |
| F. A. Rogers | 4/1/55 | 3,500.00 | 5% | 3,150.00 |
| Thomas F. Shull | 3/5/54 | 5,000.00 | 5% | 4,250.00 |
| Archie C. Smith | 5/3/55 | 14,500.00 | 5% | 13,947.03 |
| J. Leon Smith | 9/13/55 | 5,000.00 | 5% | 4,750.00 |
| A. M. Stafford | 6/7/48 | 1,500.00 | 5% | 1,500.00 |
| B. J. Stephens | 9/8/50 | 3,500.00 | 5% | 2,000.00 |
| Thomas H. Haughton, Jr. | 9/5/50 | 6,000.00 | 5% | 2,500.00 |
| Walter W. Watt | 5/1/54 | 10,000.00 | 5% | 8,500.00 |
| Douglas M. Williams | 10/14/55 | 6,500.00 | 5% | 6,500.00 |
| George N. Wingate | 11/17/52 | 4,600.00 | 5½% | 2,800.00 |
| Ruth Yelverton | 2/1/55 | 7,500.00 | 5% | 7,000.00 |
| | | | | $290,976.83 |

SCHEDULE 3-A

REAL ESTATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 18% Undivided Interest in 294 Acres Bay Bottom Land at Tampa, Florida, purchased 3/14/56 from Estate of Calvin T. Young | $ 2,646.00 |

SCHEDULE 4

LEGACY INCOME RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Legacy Investment Income | $38,176.77 |
| Less amortization of bond premiums | 700.41 |
| | $37,476.36 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Rent | $ 410.00 | |
| Annual Meeting Expenses | 105.00 | |
| Printing | 57.50 | |
| United Investment Counsel | 1,000.00 | |
| Office Salaries | 300.00 | |
| Secretary and Treasurer Expenses | 300.00 | |
| Safe Deposit Box | 11.00 | |
| Custodian and Accounting Fee | 2,400.00 | |
| | 4,583.50 | |
| Less 5% commission on income received from trusts | 324.10 | |
| | | 4,259.40 |
| | | $33,216.96 |

SCHEDULE 5

## INCOME DISTRIBUTION TO LEGACIES

| | Principal | Distribution |
|---|---|---|
| J. R. Abernathy | $ 3,000.00 | $ 118.19 |
| Susan D. Adger | 32,815.47 | 1,292.83 |
| S. P. Alexander | 5,000.00 | 196.98 |
| Sophia Bartz | 7,015.93 | 276.41 |
| Florence Chambers | 2,000.00 | 78.79 |
| Dewitt Crane | 12,500.00 | 492.46 |
| Josephine R. Crane | 25,407.56 | 1,000.98 |
| Samuel Davies | 7,217.86 | 284.36 |
| H. P. Eakle | 12,103.62 | 476.84 |
| Elizabeth Ann Fitzgerald | 6,758.50 | 266.26 |
| H. W. Flinn | 6,658.37 | 262.32 |
| Elizabeth Gibson | 1,000.00 | 39.40 |
| Peter S. Gilchrist | 2,000.00 | 78.80 |
| Frank H. Gilkeson | 1,887.21 | 74.35 |
| Bessie E. J. Gresham | 5,000.00 | 196.98 |
| William Guthrie | 1,500.00 | 59.10 |
| Frederick Brooks Hubbell | 2,250.00 | 88.64 |
| Edna K. James | 600.00 | 23.64 |
| Thomas P. Johnston | 1,640.29 | 64.62 |
| *Emma Lilian Weigwin—3,300.04 Received 12/31/55—¼ used for distribution | 825.01 | 32.50 |
| Kate M. Knox | 17,767.90 | 700.00 |
| Fannie M. Kyle | 1,000.00 | 39.40 |
| E. D. Latta | 245,085.67 | 9,655.59 |
| Mrs. F. A. Manley | 50,000.00 | 1,969.84 |
| T. J. McConnell | 4,239.02 | 167.00 |
| W. H. McElwee | 5,000.00 | 196.98 |
| John McMillan | 52,404.50 | 2,064.57 |
| William Moore | 500.00 | 19.70 |
| Lulu G. Norton | 2,000.00 | 78.79 |
| Vinton M. Pace | 3,000.00 | 118.19 |
| William Patterson | 1,800.00 | 70.91 |
| Goertner E. M. Parkhurst | 192,597.15 | 7,587.71 |
| Lillian H. Rodgers | 700.00 | 27.58 |
| J. B. Sawtell | 38,278.20 | 1,508.04 |
| J. E. Sherrill | 56,000.00 | 2,206.22 |
| Charlotte A. Smith | 4,249.19 | 167.41 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Isaac C. Sydenstricker | 3,781.06 | 148.96 |
| R. M. Tuttle | 4,106.05 | 161.77 |
| Hannah M. Walker | 400.00 | 15.76 |
| W. S. White | 500.00 | 19.70 |
| William Workman | 5,550.01 | 218.65 |
| *Emma Lilian Keigwin—balance not included in allocation since legacy not received till 12/31/55 | 2,475.03 | |
| Calvin T. Young—legacy not received in time to earn income for the year | 8,800.45 | |
| Total Trust Legacies | $837,414.05 | $ 32,547.22 |
| ANNUITY BONDS | | |
| Mary A. Barbee | 6,000.00 | 236.38 |
| Nancy Lee Gilmour | 5,000.00 | 196.98 |
| Mrs. Annie Hadley Hill | 5,000.00 | 196.98 |
| James E. O'Kelley | 1,000.00 | 39.40 |
| Total Annuity Bonds | $ 17,000.00 | $ 669.74 |
| Total Trust Legacies and Annuity Bonds used in Calculating Income Distribution | $854,414.05 | $ 33,216.96 |

## RECONCILIATION OF TRUST LEGACIES AND ANNUITY BONDS

| | |
|---|---|
| Trust Legacies per above schedule | $837,414.05 |
| Profit on sale of securities not prorated among legacies | 9,879.44 |
| Total Trust Legacies | $847,293.49 |
| Annuity Bonds | $ 17,000.00 |

SCHEDULE 5-A

## DISTRIBUTION OF LEGACY INCOME TO BENEFICIARIES

| | % Distribution | Distribution | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abernathy, J. R. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | $ 59.10 | |
| Home Missions—Concord Presbytery | 50 | 59.09 | 118.19 |
| Adger, Susan D. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 100 | 1,292.83 | 1,292.83 |
| Alexander, S. P. | | | |
| Christian Education in Mecklenburg Presbytery | 100 | 196.98 | 196.98 |
| Bartz, Sophia | | | |
| General Expense Account | 100 | 276.41 | 276.41 |
| Chambers, Florence | | | |
| Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tenn. | 100 | 78.79 | 78.79 |
| Crane, Dewitt | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 20.83 | 102.58 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 20.83 | 102.58 | |
| Union Theological Seminary | 20.83 | 102.58 | |
| Assembly's Training School | 20.83 | 102.58 | |
| Orphans Home, Lynchburg, Va. | 16.68 | 82.14 | 492.46 |
| Crane, Josephine R. | | | |
| Assembly's Training School | 100 | 1,000.98 | 1,000.98 |
| Davies, Samuel | | | |
| Tunstall, Va. Church | 100 | 284.36 | 284.36 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Eakle, H. P. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 100 | 476.84 | 476.84 |
| Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Ann | | | |
| Home Missions, East Hanover Presbytery | 100 | 266.26 | 266.26 |
| Flinn, H. W. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 33⅓ | 87.44 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 33⅓ | 87.44 | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 16⅔ | 43.72 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 16⅔ | 43.72 | 262.32 |
| Gibson, Elizabeth | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 100 | 39.40 | 39.40 |
| Gilchrist, Peter S. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | 39.40 | |
| General Expense Account | 50 | 39.40 | 78.80 |
| Gilkeson, Frank H. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | 37.18 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 50 | 37.17 | 74.35 |
| Gresham, Bessie E. J. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | 98.49 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 50 | 98.49 | 196.98 |
| Guthrie, William | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 100 | 59.10 | 59.10 |
| Hubbell, Fredrick B. | | | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 100 | 88.64 | 88.64 |
| James, Edna K. | | | |
| Kenly Memorial Student Loan Fund | 100 | 23.64 | 23.64 |
| Johnston, Thomas P. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | 32.31 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 50 | 32.31 | 64.62 |
| Keigwin, Emma Lilian | | | |
| Keigwin Fund | 100 | 32.50 | 32.50 |
| Knox, Kate M. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 50 | 350.00 | |
| Home Missions Concord Presbytery | 50 | 350.00 | 700.00 |
| Kyle, Fannie M. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 100 | 39.40 | 39.40 |
| Latta, E. D. | | | |
| Latta Memorial Fund | 100 | 9,655.59 | 9,655.59 |
| Manley, Mrs. F. A. | | | |
| Office of the General Assembly | 100 | 1,969.84 | 1,969.84 |
| McConnell, T. J. | | | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 50 | 83.50 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 50 | 83.50 | 167.00 |
| McElwee, W. H. | | | |
| McElwee Fund | 100 | 196.98 | 196.98 |
| McMillan, John | | | |
| Stockton, Ala. Presbyterian Church | 30 | 619.37 | |
| Ala. Orphans Home | 20 | 412.91 | |
| Board of World Missions | 30 | 619.37 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 20 | 412.92 | 2,064.57 |
| Moore, William | | | |
| Board of Church Extension | 100 | 19.70 | 19.70 |
| Norton, Lulu G. | | | |
| Reserve Account | 100 | 78.79 | 78.79 |
| Pace, Vinton M. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 33⅓ | 29.98 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 33⅓ | 29.99 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 33⅓ | 29.98 | |
| Overdraft Vinton Pace Fund | | 28.24 | 118.19 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Parkhurst, Goertner E. M. | | | |
| Theresa Mumford Memorial Fund | 100 | 7,587.71 | 7,587.71 |
| Patterson, William | | | |
| Mt. Horeb, Va. Church | 100 | 70.91 | 70.91 |
| Rodgers, Lillian H. | | | |
| Reserve Account | 100 | 27.58 | 27.58 |
| Sawtell, J. B. | | | |
| Board of World Missions | 56 | 844.50 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 30 | 452.41 | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 14 | 211.13 | 1,508.04 |
| Sherrill, J. E. | | | |
| Reserve Account | 55.36 | 1,221.36 | |
| Union Theological Seminary | 17.86 | 394.03 | |
| Board of World Missions | 7.14 | 157.53 | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 3.57 | 78.76 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 3.57 | 78.76 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 8.93 | 197.02 | |
| Barium Springs Orphanage | 3.57 | 78.76 | 2,206.22 |
| Smith, Charlotte A. | | | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 50 | 83.71 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 50 | 83.70 | 167.41 |
| Sydenstricker, Isaac C. | | | |
| Home Missions in Missouri | 50 | 74.48 | |
| Presbyterian Mission Station, Chinkiang, China | 25 | 37.24 | |
| Foreign Missions Special | | | |
| Some Minister in Africa | 25 | 37.24 | 148.96 |
| Tuttle, R. M. | | | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 50 | 80.89 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 50 | 80.88 | 161.77 |
| Walker, Hannah M. | | | |
| Augusta, Va. Stone Church | 100 | 15.76 | 15.76 |
| White, W. S. | | | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 50 | 9.85 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 50 | 9.85 | 19.70 |
| Workman, William | | | |
| Care of Workman Grave | | 45.00 | |
| Centre College | | 173.65 | 218.65 |
| | | | $32,547.22 |

SCHEDULE 5-B

## OTHER LEGACY INCOME RECEIVED

The principal of these legacies are not held by the Trustees of the General Assembly, only the income is disbursed to the Trustees for distribution.

| | |
|---|---|
| Commercial National Bank of Charlotte, N. C. | |
| Trustee U/W of R. A. Dunn | $ 5,666.81 |
| Louisville Trust Company, Louisville, Ky. | |
| Trustee U/W of John Sutton | 418.23 |
| First National Bank & Trust Company, Asheville, N. C. | |
| Trustee U/A with W. H. B. Simpson and Katherine S. M. Simpson | 396.81 |
| | $ 6,481.85 |
| Less 5% handling charge (Schedule 4) | 324.10 |
| | $ 6,157.75 |

SCHEDULE 6

## LEGACY INCOME PAID TO BENEFICIARIES DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1956

| | |
|---|---|
| Board of World Missions | $ 5,412.29 |
| Board of Church Extension | 2,104.48 |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 931.33 |
| Board of Christian Education | 706.74 |
| Home Missions—Concord Presbytery | 409.09 |
| Christian Education—Mecklenburg Presbytery | 196.98 |
| Meadow Creek Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tenn. | 78.79 |
| Union Theological Seminary | 8,001.61 |
| General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers | 1,103.56 |
| Presbyterian Orphan's Home, Lynchburg, Va. | 82.14 |
| Samuel Davies Presbyterian Church, Tunstall, Va. | 284.36 |
| Home Missions—East Hanover Presbytery | 266.26 |
| Office of the General Assembly | 1,969.84 |
| Stockton, Ala. Presbyterian Church | 619.37 |
| Mount Horeb, Va., Presbyterian Church | 70.91 |
| Presbyterian Home for Children, Talladega, Ala. | 412.91 |
| Presbyterian Orphans Home, Barium Springs, N. C. | 78.76 |
| Home Missions—State of Missouri | 74.48 |
| Presbyterian Mission Station, Chinkiang, China | 37.24 |
| Aid for some minister in Africa | 37.24 |
| Centre College | 173.65 |
| General Fund of the Church | 305.78 |
| Inter-Church Agencies | 16.16 |
| Negro Youth Work in Charlotte, N. C. | 1,076.69 |
| Southern Presbyterian Journal | 1,076.69 |
| Mountain Retreat Association | 188.48 |
| Augusta, Va. Presbyterian Church | 15.76 |
| Asheville, N. C. Presbytery—Home Missions | 188.49 |
| Aid for Ministerial Students Asheville Presbytery | 1,089.50 |
| Blowing Rock, N. C. Youth Work | 1,450.00 |
| Care of Workman Grave, Mt. Gilead, Ky. | 45.00 |
| Aid to Orphan Girls, Brantley County, Ga. | 1,845.60 |
| | $ 30,350.18 |

SCHEDULE 7

## RESERVE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance March 31, 1955 | | $ 17,066.55 |
| Additions: | | |
| Ella B. Call Fund | $ 4.00 | |
| Income from the following legacies: | | |
| Sherrill, J. E. | 1,221.36 | |
| Rodgers, Lillian H. | 27.58 | |
| Norton, Lulu G. | 78.79 | |
| Miscellaneous gifts | 20.00 | 1,351.73 |
| Less: | | |
| Expense account deficit | 1,040.86 | |
| Transfer from excess paid on annuities over income earned the amount of excess of Lillian H. Rodgers, deceased | 230.02 | 1,270.88 |
| | | $ 17,147.40 |

SCHEDULE 8

CASH ADDITIONS TO LEGACIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Estate of Emma Lilian Keigwin, Washington, D. C. | |
| 1/7th of residuary estate | $ 3,300.04 |
| Estate of Calvin T. Young, Tampa, Florida | |
| Partial distribution | 8,800.45 |
| | $ 12,100.49 |

SCHEDULE 9

ANNUITIES PAID

| | Principal Amount | Rate | Annuities Paid |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A. Barbee | $ 6,000.00 | 5.8% | $ 348.00 |
| Nancy Lee Gilmour | 5,000.00 | 4.5% | 225.00 |
| Annie Hadley Hill | 5,000.00 | 6.3% | 315.00 |
| James E. O'Kelley | 1,000.00 | 4.9% | 49.00 |
| | $17,000.00 | | $ 937.00 |
| Lillian H. Rodgers—deceased 11/10/55 and annuity bond of $700.00 transferred to trust legacies | | | 20.65 |
| | | | $ 957.65 |

## III. REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.

**Forty-first Year**
**Recommendations**

The General Assembly's Training School has completed its forty-first year of service to the Church. During the course of this school year, the student body and faculty along with some of the friends of the school joined in a dinner in celebration of the forty-first anniversary of the school's founding. Dr. Henry Wade DuBose, past president, delivered the address in which he gave a most interesting review of the antecedents of the school and of the actual beginning of the school as it now exists.

**Service**

Fifty-one students went out at the close of the session in May 1955 to serve as follows: thirty-two went to serve in the churches of our Assembly, both home mission and self-supporting. Of these thirty-two, twenty-two are serving as directors of Christian education, four as pastors or assistant pastors, and six as pastors' wives. Nine went out to serve in the world mission fields, three returning to their native homes, and four going out for the first time. Two are serving in college positions, two are teaching Bible in the public schools, one is working for a denominational board, one is serving in an orphanage, one is teaching in public schools, two are wives of laymen, and one has not yet taken work.

These students went to serve in the synods of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, West Virginia, Texas, South Carolina, Louisiana, also in Connecticut, Korea, Brazil, Africa, Japan and Mexico.

**Degrees Granted**

At the Commencement exercises May 1955 eleven B.R.E. degrees, ten M.R.E. degrees (one granted September 1, 1954) and ten M.A. degrees were granted.

A study of the number of degrees granted by the institution during the period 1936 to 1940 and the period 1951 to 1955 shows an increase of 235% in the number of degrees granted during the period 1951 to 1955.

**Enrollment**

Due to the requirements of accrediting associations regarding the mingling of graduate and undergraduate students in classes; and a policy established by the Board making a baccalaureate degree the basic academic requirement for admission to the Assembly's Training School, the number of undergraduate and special students in the class entering in September, 1955, was limited to 20% of the total. Because of this, our enrollment for this fall is slightly lower than it was a year ago. We have, however, a slightly larger enrollment of four-year graduates than we have had before.

The members of the student body this year come from every synod in our General Assembly with one exception and from twenty-two states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries. They have studied in seventy-two colleges and universities.

**New Faculty Personnel**

We are having fine reports from Miss Sara Little who is on leave this year for further graduate work in Yale University. Her absence has necessitated several adjustments. Mrs. Leath Penn, a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Richmond, is providing splendid leadership in the field work office on a part-time basis. Arrangements were made with the Board of Christian Education for the services of Rev. John Spragens, Director of Youth Work, and his associates to teach the course, Christian Education of Youth. For the second quarter, Dr. Kraemer was asked to teach one of the courses ordinarily taught by Dr. Carmichael, Organization and Program of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., releasing Dr. Carmichael to teach Miss Little's course, Church's Program of Christian Education.

The expanded offerings in music have brought to us two new faculty people, Mr. John Lewis, Director of Music of the Second Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. John Newton Thomas, a member of the Board of Trustees.

**The Laboratory School**

In the search for well-qualified leadership for the laboratory school for pre-school children, we have had the counsel of the top leadership in this field in North America. This search has now come to a successful conclusion in the enlistment of Miss Josephine Newbury for this position. This Laboratory School will augment the opportunities to learn by experience which are now provided in the field work program of the Assembly's Training School.

Miss Josephine Newbury is a graduate of Oglethorpe University, has attended the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee. Miss Newbury has taught in public schools of Tennessee and Georgia. For seven years she was the director of a kindergarten and for thirteen years before coming to the Assembly's Training School, she taught in the Fulton County System in Georgia, serving as assistant principal in elementary school from 1946 until 1952. Miss Newbury is widely known over our Church for her articles on children's work and for her leadership at the summer conferences in Montreat. In 1955 she presented a paper on "Reading Readiness Program of the Weekday Church Kindergarten" at a meeting of the Committee on Children's Work of the National Council of Churches.

Miss Newbury has been engaged as Associate Director of Field Work and as Assistant Professor of Religious Education at the General Assembly's Training School since September 1952.

The Training School will grant Miss Newbury the leave necessary to complete her work for a graduate degree at Emory University. She will be relieved of her present duties at the Training School beginning September 1, 1956, in order to be able to visit and study in similar laboratory schools in various parts of the country. We believe that our new building will be completed and that we will be ready to begin our laboratory school by January 1957.

**Report on Property**

During the year new furniture for the dormitory rooms was purchased, replacing the furniture which had served for over thirty years. New lighting was installed in some of the dormitory rooms; the students' kitchen in the dormitory was repainted and

refurnished. The third floor of the residence at 3505 Brook Road was equipped to house our men students. The choir practice room was remodeled, and four piano practice rooms were built. *The Hymnbook* was purchased for use in the chapel and choir room. The entire basements of both the dormitory and dining hall were repainted by our janitorial staff during the summer. A long term plan for remodeling and refurnishing the school kitchen was begun during this year. New equipment was purchased for the offices, the maintenance shop, and some work was done in the faculty homes. It is hoped that the work of actual construction can begin during the first quarter of 1956 on additional housing for faculty and students and on a building which will be used for the pre-school laboratory school.

**The Assembly's Training School Auxiliary**

This group of friends was organized in 1951 with a membership of forty-seven. Since that time the membership has grown to 1,503 as of December 31, 1955. Through annual membership gifts, usually $1.00 per year, the A.T.S. Auxiliary has completed four projects for the school: refurnishing the infirmary, renovating the reception rooms, providing some new equipment for the kitchen and, in 1955, refurnishing the dormitory rooms. For the 1955 project, $2,280.50 was available from membership gifts. Added to this was $1,756.81 contributed by the Women of the Church in presbyteries who had bought the original furniture for certain rooms and wanted to refurnish them. Other special gifts have brought the total available for dormitory furniture to $8,172.88.

**Enlistment**

One of the most important functions of this school as we now see it is in the field of the enlistment of qualified men and women who will offer themselves to receive the training for full-time church vocations. We welcome correspondence from pastors, directors of Christian education and church members, who know of those who might be interested in full-time church vocations for lay men and women.

**Summer Clinic**

Plans are well under way for a summer clinic which will run concurrently with the preaching clinic conducted by Union Theological Seminary, July 30-August 10, 1956. The two institutions will cooperate in providing housing and boarding arrangements.

**Training for World Mission Field**

Representatives of the Assembly's Training School and Union Theological Seminary have given careful consideration to our needs for greatly expanded offerings in missions and related fields. Plans for such offerings will be made in close cooperation with our Assembly's Board of World Missions.

**Gratitude**

Once again we give thanks to God for His goodness manifest as He has blessed this school in so many ways. We are grateful to all the churches of the General Assembly for contributing to the support of this task of preparing workers for the harvest field here at home and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The school has benefited this year also from the following special gifts:

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| $16,000.00 | from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N.C., a bequest to the church from the estate of W. Z. Stultz. |
| $15,000.00 | an anonymous grant, to be paid at $5,000.00 per year for three years. |
| $ 1,000.00 | gift of Mr. George M. Beltzhoover, Jr., in memory of his mother, Mrs. George M. Beltzhoover, Sr., added to the endowment. |
| $ 1,020.00 | from Mr. J. R. Rankin to set up an endowed scholarship to honor his daughter, Gayle Rankin McArthur, a graduate of the Training School. |
| $ 1,212.65 | from the Women of the Church in Louisiana Presbytery to endow a scholarship to be known as the Helen McComb Scholarship Fund. |
| $ 500.00 | from Miss Marie von Blucher of Corpus Christi, Texas, for the music department. |

Gift of an organ from Mr. A. W. Mosby of Lynchburg, Virginia.
An anonymous gift of a Westinghouse automatic washing machine and dryer was made for the use of the students in the dormitory.

In addition to these, gifts other than scholarships have been received from the following individuals: Mrs. H. G. Goodykoontz, Mrs. Margaret A. M. Mallow, Mrs. May Langford Black, Dr. E. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Dryden, Mr. R. N. DuPuis,

Mrs. J. W. Harmon, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. W. C. Johnston, Mr. H. H. Wood, Mr. George S. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jeffress, Mrs. C. M. Steele, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Sherrill, Mrs. R. H. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Thomas, Dr. P. H. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McMillan, and Mr. L. V. Baldwin.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS, INC.
## BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1955
### ASSETS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT FUND** | | | |
| Petty Cash | | $ 100.00 | |
| Cash in Bank | | 35,215.24 | $ 35,315.24 |
| **BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND** | | | |
| Cash in Bank | | 44,125.26 | |
| Investments | | 16,228.18 | |
| Cash Uninvested—Agency Account | $ 10,758.26 | | |
| Investments—Agency Account | 122,841.74 | 133,600.00 | 193,953.44 |
| **PLANT FUND** | | | |
| Land | | 72,677.33 | |
| School Buildings | | 404,393.23 | |
| Administration Building | | 303,651.87 | |
| Dwellings | | 134,515.42 | |
| Garages | | 6,083.66 | |
| Furniture and Fixtures | | 54,421.54 | |
| Heating System | | 2,114.10 | 980,857.15 |
| **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** | | | |
| Cash in Bank | | 25,759.51 | |
| Investments | | 18,487.83 | 44,247.34 |
| **STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND** | | | |
| Cash in Bank | | 9,084.94 | |
| Student Loans | | 1,412.74 | |
| Investments | | 3,000.00 | 13,497.68 |
| **PERMANENT FUND** | | | |
| Cash—Uninvested Principal | | 30,342.65 | |
| Investments | | 985,643.91 | 1,015,986.56 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | | 2,283,857.41 |

### LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

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|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT FUND** | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | $ 11,587.88 | |
| Reserve for New Equipment Replacement and Repairs | | 9,933.15 | |
| Surplus | | 13,794.21 | $ 35,315.24 |
| **BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENT FUND** | | | 193,953.44 |
| **PLANT FUND** | | | 980,857.15 |
| **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** | | | 44,247.34 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| **STUDENT LOAN AND SPECIAL FUND** | | | |
| Student Loan Fund | | 9,892.90 | |
| A. T. S. Auxiliary | | 5.00 | |
| Special Fund—Designated Gifts and Bequests | | 3,599.78 | 13,497.68 |
| **PERMANENT FUND** | | | |
| Endowment Accounts | | | |
| General | $ 93,381.76 | | |
| Mrs. George M. Beltzhoover, Sr. | 1,000.00 | | |
| Josephine E. Brown | 50,000.00 | | |
| Department of Children's Work | 3,150.00 | | |
| Mollie F. Elliott | 11,732.61 | | |
| J. A. Law | 10,000.00 | | |
| Sara E. Morrison, Maintenance | 10,000.00 | | |
| Myers Park Presbyterian Fund | 16,000.00 | | |
| President's Chair | 120,000.00 | | |
| Professors' Chairs | 158.100.56 | | |
| Edmonia W. Saunders | 1,000.00 | | |
| Martin Ryerson Turnbull | 127,323.08 | | |
| W. W. Williamson | 200,115.48 | 801,803.49 | |
| Scholarship Endowments | | | |
| General | 9,690.49 | | |
| Brattan | 5,000.00 | | |
| Edward N. Caldwell | 975.00 | | |
| DeWitt Crane | 1,000.00 | | |
| Myra Driscoll | 1,402.55 | | |
| Oliver Mason Eakins | 2,000.00 | | |
| Hagood Memorial | 5,400.00 | | |
| Emma Harris | 2,500.00 | | |
| Manie Heard | 3,000.00 | | |
| Georgia Hewson | 1,106.35 | | |
| Alice Johnson | 2,324.78 | | |
| Natalie Lancaster | 500.00 | | |
| Gayle Rankin McArthur | 1,020.00 | | |
| Helen McComb | 1,212.65 | | |
| Rowena McMillan | 1,433.60 | | |
| Morris Memorial | 589.25 | | |
| Phillips (Texas) | 3,000.00 | | |
| Ruth Puckett | 1,770.29 | | |
| Margaret Russell | 378.00 | | |
| S. P. Stowe | 10,000.00 | | |
| Amelia R. Turnbull | 4,000.00 | | |
| Nell and Julia K. Wallace | 500.00 | | |
| Alice J. Wiesner | 1,000.00 | | |
| Julia Craig Young | 2,000.00 | 61,802.96 | |
| Plant Maintenance | | 102,265.00 | |
| Reserve | | 15,663.66 | |
| Natalie Lancaster Memorial | | 125.00 | |
| Total Endowments and Scholarship Endowments | | 981,660.11 | |
| Laura May Stebbins Fund | | 34,226.45 | 1,015,986.56 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS | | | $2,283,857.41 |

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

| INCOME | |
|---|---|
| Contributions | $123,097.64* |
| Received from Equalization Fund | 30,977.35* |
| Received from Investments for Operation | 15,000.00 |
| Room, Board, Tuition | 53,326.58 |
| Music Fees | 2,167.66 |
| Grant from Anonymous Foundation | 5,000.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | $229,569.23 |

| EXPENSES | |
|---|---|
| Administrative and Faculty Salaries | $ 62,517.98 |
| Ministers' Annuity Fund | 2,078.56 |
| Employees' Annuity Fund | 1,380.24 |
| Social Security Tax | 1,537.19 |
| Appropriation for Scholarships | 4,000.00 |
| Audio-Visuals | 213.78 |
| Auditor's Fee | 680.67 |
| Catalogs and Quarterly Bulletins | 1,980.00 |
| Enlistment, Advertising and Promotion | 2,163.50 |
| Insurance | 3,666.76 |
| Library | 4,150.59 |
| Miscellaneous | 764.68 |
| Music | 1,292.44 |
| Postage and Express | 1,027.91 |
| Speakers and Commencement | 305.00 |
| Stationery and Supplies | 1,378.67 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 2,260.25 |
| Travel—General | 1,596.68 |
| Travel—Board of Trustees | 991.85 |
| Kitchen Salaries | 11,309.50 |
| Food and Ice | 17,430.26 |
| Kitchen Supplies | 947.61 |
| Buildings Salaries | 11,311.05 |
| Electricity | 3,046.03 |
| Fuel | 3,669.75 |
| Gas and Water | 1,234.22 |
| Linen and Laundry | 1,035.22 |
| Plant Maintenance | 7,564.60 |
| 5% of Churches' Contributions paid to Equalization Fund | 7,395.20 |
| Reserve for New Equipment Replacement and Repairs | 21,273.05 |
| Reserve for Development of Program | 49,365.99 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | $229,569.23 |

*The total amount received as contributions, including that received from the Equalization Fund in 1955, is $154,074.99. The budgeted amount, approved by the Budget Committee of the General Council, was $185,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S TRAINING SCHOOL
By H. H. WOOD, *Secretary*

# IV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STILLMAN COLLEGE

## I. Progress

The first six years of the second half of our century have been ones of gratifying progress at this institution. We are of the opinion that seldom in all of the Church's history has greater progress been made in any of its work in so short a time.

It is because we feel that the Church should become informed of these years of progress that we endeavor to set before you, the members of this Assembly, the story of what these years have brought by contrasting the Stillman of 1950 with that of 1955.

### 1950 and 1955—Then and Now

**THEN** Stillman an unaccredited two-year college.

**NOW** A four-year college, fully accredited.

**THEN** A student body with only 125 college students and with little representation outside of Alabama.

**NOW** Three hundred, twenty-seven students with a large representation from many states and every Southern state represented.

**THEN** Only a handful of Presbyterian students and scarcely any of them entering religious vocational work.

**NOW** The number of Presbyterian students and of religious life work volunteers increased five-fold.

**THEN** A faculty of which only two members held the master's degree.

**NOW** A much larger faculty with only one not having the master's degree and six having a doctorate.

**THEN** An endowment of only $100,000.00.

**NOW** An endowment of $526,000.00 with an assured increase of $100,000.00 more within the next year.

**THEN** Assets and Resources—$500,000.00.

**NOW** Assets and Resources—$1,756,143.25.

**THEN** The main classrooms and laboratory facilities in the century and a quarter old plantation home with plaster falling, floors worn through, dingy, dusty and dirty; condemned by the city as unsafe for habitation; and yet, it was all we had. . . .

**NOW** Beautiful classrooms, modern in lighting and in every way with an entire building devoted to science.

**THEN** The Library housed in one room and that over the kitchen and dining room with either fresh or stale odors from the kitchen ever present and with the constant fire hazard of gas kitchen stoves beneath.

**NOW** A fireproof building that is the focal point of the campus; a work of grace and beauty.

**THEN** A dining room and kitchen with walls and floors termite-eaten. . . .

**NOW** A modernized, renovated, enlarged and all but new dining-room and a completely new kitchen.

**THEN** Practically no facilities for physical education, including intercollegiate athletic contests. Basketball had to be played on a dirt court . . . and now,

**NOW** An adequate gymnasium with a basketball court and a year-round swimming pool.

**THEN** The only auditorium facility was in the old dilapidated plantation home with a total seating capacity of less than a hundred.

**NOW** An auditorium with seating capacity of over two hundred and a stage ample for most any kind of program.

**THEN** An antiquated, broken down, inefficient steam plant that heated sufficiently only on the warm days of the winter—in the term 1947-48, seven women students left on account of the cold dormitory.

**NOW** A modern, adequate central heating system with an automatic gas boiler.

**NOW** Modernized and adequate electrical, gas and water lines all over the campus.

**NOW** Two new dormitories which are the pride of the students; which double the dormitory space and provide additional facilities, making student life more enjoyable.

All of this progress and these improvements were made possible by the increased interest of the Church in this work, as it came to the college in increased appropriation of the General Assembly, in the 1952 Birthday Gift of the Women of the Church, in the receipts from the Campaign for Negro Work, through gifts by individuals and through bequests, foundation and corporation gifts. For all of these the Board of Trustees, the Administration and the Faculty of Stillman College are profoundly thankful.

### II. Our Share in the Negro Work Campaign

Obviously, the greatest single factor in the above progress has been the *Negro Work Campaign* of 1953. Of the total amount of $1,113,508.08 pledged, we have received to date (March 8, 1956) the amount of $932,830.55.

We have spent it as follows:

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|---|---|
| Expenses of the Campaign | $ 72,281.48 (to date) |
| Deficit current Expenses to June 30, 1953 | 37,431.02 |
| Endowment | 260,000.00 |
| Payment of Mortgage on the Birthright Building | 37,500.00 |
| Building Costs | 461,576.19 |
| Other Capital Additions (Library Books, Laboratory equipment, utility systems, furniture for new buildings, new classrooms, and office equipment, demolitions, and miscellaneous | 62,213.89 |
| Balance Unexpended | 1,827.97 |
| Total Funds | $932,830.55 |

The point has now been reached in the collection of pledges where every dollar from the Campaign that comes to Stillman enables the college to claim an equal amount from the Foundation's Challenge Fund. The whole Church should be grateful to the Foundation for showing its confidence in Stillman and in the Church by paying $60,000 of its conditional grant approximately six months ahead of the deadline and for extending the deadline for another twelve months. Since the fact that the name of this Foundation has never been given, suffice it to say that it is a strictly Southern one, and very close to our own Presbyterian Church.

All of the $60,000 received from the Foundation was immediately invested in securities, the income from which has already added $2,450.00 to our current operating income.

The sooner the outstanding pledges are paid the sooner the balance of $40,000 will come from the Foundation and be added to endowment to increase the operating income of the college. We plead with those who have outstanding pledges to pay them by the earliest date possible.

### III. Dedication of the William Henry Sheppard Library

The latest and loveliest of our buildings is the new Library. It is named for the Reverend Doctor William Henry Sheppard who went out with Samuel Lapsley to found our Congo Mission. Dr. Sheppard was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society, the only member of our Church to receive this honor. A native of Virginia, he graduated at Stillman in 1887. We are privileged to honor this great missionary and distinguished alumnus of this school.

A four-faced clock has been ordered for the tower of the Library Building, the gift of the Reverend Frank H. M. Williams of the class of 1915, able and highly respected citizen of Tuscaloosa. The clock will cost approximately $4,000.

The dedication will take place on May 11, 1956, the final day of the Ministers' Lecture Series. The moderator of the General Assembly will take part in the services. A portrait of Dr. Sheppard, painted by a friend of this work, and a plaque will be unveiled. Also,

at this service will be the presentation and the unveiling of the portrait and plaque of the Reverend Doctor Andrew Flinn Dickson, an associate of Dr. Charles A. Stillman in founding this school, and its first instructor. This presentation is being made by the grandchildren of Dr. Dickson, Mrs. Harry F. Latshaw and the Reverend Robert S. Arrowood of Linden, North Carolina.

Another feature of this day will be the unveiling of the plaque to the memory of Charles and Betty Birthright in the Auditorium-gymnasium building that bears their name. They were ex-slaves who moved with their former master from Virginia to Missouri. They accumulated farm property there and bequeathed two cotton farms to the college that are valued at over $100,000.00, and bring in an annual average net income of $5,700.00. Up to recent times this was said to be the largest bequest ever made to Home Missions in the history of our Church.

### IV. Ford Foundation Grant

We rejoice in the good fortune that has come to our colleges in the announcement of the grant from the Ford Foundation. Stillman's share of the grant is $55,000.00 to be paid in July 1956 and in July 1957. It is to be invested as endowment for ten years and the income from it is to go to the increase of faculty salaries. It was allocated on the basis of faculty salaries, and the reason that our share is relatively small is because our salaries are correspondingly so.

### V. Our Greatest Need

Within the immediate future years, our greatest need is increased operating income in order to raise our salaries up to the level of respectability. Indeed, we have met only the *minimum* standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for faculty salaries; however, substantial increase in salaries is necessary if we are to meet even the increased minimum standards passed by the Association at its last meeting.

The increase is as follows:

| *Title* | *From* | *To* |
|---|---|---|
| Professor | $3600.00 | $4500.00 |
| Associate Prof. | 3300.00 | 3900.00 |
| Asst. Prof. | 2700.00 | 3300.00 |
| Instructor | 2400.00 | 2700.00 |

These figures represent the minimum salary scale and are a "must" for the continuation of accreditation. In addition to the above, the Association has designated certain areas in which our instruction needs strengthening by the addition of better trained personnel. We must add three or four to our staff in order to meet these recommendations.

We have asked the General Council to recommend to the Assembly that its askings from the churches for Stillman be increased $40,000.00. This increase is necessary if we are to meet the new standards of accreditation.

### VI. Increased Endowment Needed

As has been stated above, our endowment has increased fivefold within the last few years. This has been a boon to us in giving increased income for operating expenses. However, the very nature of our college, ministering largely to those of low income prevents our charging student even up to average fees. We should have a much larger endowment to compensate for the low income from student fees.

A leading Southern educator who has helped this college in a very substantial way, recently made the statement that Stillman needs an endowment of seven million dollars. While such an endowment seems far away, we feel that our Board of Trustees, the Administration of the College and the entire Church should strive to build up a larger endowment as rapidly as possible.

During the year we received a bequest of $40,000 which was applied to endowment. Our prayer is that many other friends will write Stillman into their wills.

### VII. Challenge Funds from the Board of Christian Education

Our Board of Trustees wishes to express its thanks to the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education for its award of its two challenge funds for

which Stillman qualified. They were: 1) $1,000 for an increase of $2,000 in purchase of books for the library over the past year, and 2) $3,209.25 which was 5% of Stillman's addition to endowment during the college year 1954-55. This latter grant was immediately added to our endowment.

### VIII. "Stillman Supporters"

The above named organization was formed by the Board of Trustees with the approval of the General Council for the purpose of keeping Stillman before the Church and soliciting funds from individuals to meet some specific need of the school.

This organization is similar to "Friends of the Seminary." The project chosen for 1956 is the renovation and modernization of the dormitory rooms in Winsborough, our freshman women's residence hall. The cost per room will vary from $500 to $700. We commend this project as a suitable one for memorials.

### Condensed Statement of Income and Expense
### Church Year Ending December 31, 1955

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|---|---|
| **Receipts** | |
| Student Fees (less scholarships given) | $ 33,680.22 |
| Student Fees, Housing | 10,373.19 |
| Gifts of Churches (through the General Fund) | 81,863.14 |
| Other Gifts | 6,579.87 |
| Equalization Fund (paid in February 1955) | 8,501.04 |
| Other Income | 4,479.61 |
| Endowment Income | 26,880.34 |
| Total Receipts | $172,357.41 |
| **Expenses** | |
| General and Educational | $170,813.40 |
| Other Expenses | 1,975.11 |
| Equalization Fund (paid) | 4,422.15 |
| Interest | 2,019.66 |
| Total Expenses | $179,230.32 |
| Excess of Expense Over Income | $ 6,872.01 |

### BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

### ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Current Fund (Detailed statement attached)** | | |
| Cash | $ 40,689.85 | |
| Other Assets | 13,373.16 | |
| Total | | $ 54,063.01 |
| **Endowment Fund** | | |
| Cash (Endowment Property under Const.) | $ 18,638.65 | |
| Securities (at cost) | 297,427.81 | |
| Investment Property | 212,732.72 | |
| Total | | $ 528,799.24 |
| **Building Fund** | | |
| Cash | $(12,242.31) | |
| Construction in Progress | 194,855.23 | |
| Total | | $ 182,613.02 |

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|---|---|---|
| **Plant Fund** | | |
| Campus Land, Building & Equipment | $899,615.14 | |
| Tuscaloosa Farm and Equipment | 89,298.74 | |
| Total | | $ 988,913.88 |
| **Loan Funds** | | |
| Cash | $ 988.00 | |
| Receivables | 434.00 | |
| Total | | $ 1,422.00 |
| **Agency Funds** | | |
| Cash | | $ 322.10 |
| Grand Totals | | $1,756.143.25 |

## LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

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|---|---|---|
| **Current Fund (Detailed statement attached)** | | |
| Accounts and Notes Payable | $ 88,095.29 | |
| Principal from Negro Work Campaign | 37,431.02 | |
| Operating Deficit (2½ years) | (71,463.30) | |
| Total | | $ 54,063.01 |
| **Endowment Fund** | | |
| Principal from McGaughey Funds | $ 75,049.61 | |
| Principal from Trading Profits | 3,664.73 | |
| Principal from Negro Work Campaign | 258,778.00 | |
| Other Principal (Farms and Real Estate) | 191,306.90 | |
| Total | | $ 528,799.24 |
| **Building Fund** | | |
| Accounts Payable | $ 45,979.73 | |
| Principal from Negro Work Campaign | 132,633.29 | |
| Other Principal | 4,000.00 | |
| Total | | $ 182,613.02 |
| **Plant Fund** | | |
| Principal from Negro Work Campaign | $347,024.76 | |
| Other Principal | 641,889.12 | |
| Total | | $ 988,913.88 |
| **Loan Funds** | | |
| Principal | | $ 1,422.00 |
| **Agency Funds** | | |
| Student Deposit Accounts | | $ 332.10 |
| Grand Totals | | $1,756,143.25 |

NOTE: These reports have been prepared by our accountant, R. H. Van Voorhis, C.P.A. The audit of our accounts is made at the end of our college year, June 30th. The firm of Jamison and Money, Certified Public Accountants of Tuscaloosa, Alabama makes the annual audit. Copies of the 1954-55 audit will be referred to the proper committees of the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. L. PETERS, *Chairman*
Board of Trustees, Stillman College.

## V. REPORT OF THE MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

The Trustees of Stock of the Mountain Retreat Association and the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association present to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the report of its work for the year ending December 31, 1955. The minutes of the Trustees of Stock of the Mountain Retreat Association, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association, with the Auditors' report of December 31, 1955, are also submitted.

The Trustees of Montreat College submit their minutes and the Auditor's financial statement for the year.

### GRATITUDE

Once again, we give sincere thanks to God:

For His goodness manifested as He has blessed this institution in so many ways;

For the evident guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the work;

For that large number of our people who pray fervently that Montreat may render a greater spiritual service to our Church and the Kingdom;

For the increased support which comes from the benevolence budget of the Church;

For all those church organizations and individuals who, by their gifts, have made it possible for Montreat College to provide a thoroughly Christian and sound academic education to an increasing number of fine girls.

### MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Stockholders and Trustees of the Declaration of Trust of the Mountain Retreat Association was held in the Sun Parlor of Assembly Inn in Montreat on Wednesday, August 3, 1955. The Rev. C. Grier Davis was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Philip F. Howerton was re-elected Secretary.

The roll was taken by the secretary and thirty-four members of the Board were present, nine of these being representatives of the synods.

The nominees of the General Assembly were elected Trustees of the Declaration of Trust in the class of 1958, and are as follows:

| *Ministers* | *Laymen* |
|---|---|
| Rev. Homer McMillan | Mr. Kenneth S. Keyes |
| Rev. J. Rupert McGregor | Mr. Philip F. Howerton |
| Rev. J. C. Frist | Dr. F. L. Jackson |
| Rev. C. G. McClure | Mr. George R. Norris |
| Rev. John K. Johnson | Mr. Floyd Craft |
| Rev. R. Bruce Brannon | Mr. Henry Walker |
| Rev. C. H. Patterson | Mr. Edwin Morgan |
| Rev. Martin Singleton | |

The Rev. John H. McKinnon was elected Trustee, replacing Mr. Robert H. Crook.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association for a term of one year:

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|---|---|
| Dr. L. Nelson Bell | Mr. Philip F. Howerton |
| Mr. Robert F. Cooper, Jr. | The Rev. F. A. Mathes |
| The Rev. John R. Cunningham | Mr. John V. Mathews |
| The Rev. C. Grier Davis | The Rev. J. R. McGregor |
| The Rev. S. Wilkes Dendy | Mr. George R. Norris |
| Dr. F. L. Jackson | The Rev. John E. Richards |

The following were elected members of the Program Committee: Rev. C. Grier Davis, Rev. W. L. McLeod, Rev. C. H. Patterson, Rev. R. F. Jones, Rev. John McSween.

The Rev. C. Grier Davis was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors; Dr. L. Nelson Bell, Secretary and Health Officer; and Rev. J. Rupert McGregor, President and Treasurer.

The Board appointed a Planning Committee as follows: Mr. George R. Norris, Mr. R. F. Cooper, Jr., Rev. C. G. McClure, Rev. J. C. Frist, to study carefully and plan for the future development and fullest use of Montreat properties.

### CONFERENCES

Your Trustees and Directors would particularly record their profound gratitude to the Holy Spirit for His great blessings upon the conference season of 1955. The conferences

planned and promoted by the Boards of our Church were sources of great instructional, inspirational and spiritual strength to the thousands of people who attended. We are confident that the conferences were never better planned or conducted by these several Boards and their leaders, and that our Church never received a greater spiritual blessing from Montreat than those blessings which had their source in Montreat in the summer of 1955. We would express our gratitude to these Boards of the Church and the Director of each conference and to the large number of leaders and speakers who gave of themselves so unselfishly.

The 1956 summer conferences, with their leaders, Bible teachers and Sunday preachers, are as follows:

Men of the Synod of South Carolina, May 12-20; Rev. W. Ted Jones, 1324 Marion Street, Columbia, S. C.

Pre-Assembly Evangelistic Conference, May 30-31; Dr. William H. McCorkle, 341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

General Assembly, May 31-June 5; Dr. E. C. Scott, Stated Clerk, 341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.; Dr. J. McDowell Richards, Moderator, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga.

Asheville Presbytery Young People, June 11-16; Rev. Thomas Sproule, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N. C.

Knoxville Presbytery Young People, June 11-16; Rev. George M. Webb, Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Holston Presbytery Young People, June 16-22; Dr. Ferguson Wood, First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tenn.

Appalachia Synod Youth Conference, June 18-22; Dr. I. M. Ellis, Regional Director, 620 State Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

Men of the Synod of North Carolina, June 22-24; Rev. J. O. Mann, Regional Director, First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Young Adult Conference, June 25-29; Rev. William P. Anderson, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia; Lecturer, Dr. Richard E. Lentz; Bible teacher, Dr. John F. Anderson.

Presbyterian Educational Association of the South, June 26-July 2; Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Va.; some of the leaders are: Dr. Warner L. Hall, Dr. Arthur H. McKay, Mr. Clinton Harris, Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, Mr. John M. Stolnoker, Dr. William Compton.

Children's Work Council, June 28-30, Mr. Roy Hogrefe, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia.

Summer School for Leaders, July 3-12; Rev. Morris Warren, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Va.; Inspirational Speaker, Dr. Fred V. Poag; Bible teacher, Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson; Sunday morning worship, Dr. B. Frank Hall.

Superintendents' Conference, July 12-15; Rev. Morris Warren, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Va.; Sunday morning service, Dr. Lawrence I. Stell.

Directors of Christian Education, July 12-17; Miss Rosanna Barnes, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Bible teacher, Dr. Balmer H. Kelly.

Women's Advisory Council, July 12-17; Mrs. Leighton McCutchen, 341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

Women's Training School, July 18-25; Mrs. Leighton McCutchen, 341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga.; Bible teacher, Dr. Louis H. Evans; Sunday morning service, Dr. Wallace M. Alston.

World Mission Conference, July 26-August 1; Dr. D. J. Cumming, P. O. Box 330, Nashville, Tenn.; Bible teacher, Rev. William B. Oglesby, Jr.; Sunday morning service, Dr. C. Darby Fulton; Sunday evening service, Dr. Thomas A. Fry.

Music Conference, August 2-9; Dr. James R. Sydnor, 3400 Brook Road, Richmond, Va.; Bible teacher, Dr. Lee Stoffel; Sunday morning service, Dr. J. Wayte Fulton.

Men of the Synod of Appalachia, August 3-5, Mr. T. Mack Blackburn, 713 Market Street, Knoxville, Tenn.

Fishers of Men, August 5-9; Mr. J. B. Mason, P. O. Box 2162, Lynchburg, Va.

Church Extension Conference, August 9-16; Rev. Charles H. Gibboney, Jr.; Inspirational speaker and Sunday morning service, Dr. H. Louis Patrick; Bible teacher, Dr. William A. Benfield, Jr.; Sunday evening service, Rev. Oscar Gardner.

Stated Clerks' Association, August 16-17; Rev. Robert D. Earnest, Box 1255 Baton Rouge, La.

Bible Conference, August 16-26, Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, Montreat, N. C.; some of the speakers are: Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, Dr. Manford G. Gutzke, Dr. Billy Graham, Mr. Howard Butt, Jr., Bishop Arthur J. Moore.

Ministers' Wives' Forum, August 21-23; Mrs. Gower Crosswell, Jr., Route 1, Red Springs, N. C.

Faculty Conference on Religion and Education, August 27-September 1; Dr. Hunter B. Blakely, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia; some of the leaders are: Dr. John W. Dixon, Jr., Dr. Peter A. Bertocci, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake.

Westminster Fellowship, August 27-September 1; Rev. Malcolm McIver, P. O. Box 1176, Richmond 9, Virginia; Bible teacher, Dr. John Oliver Nelson.

Again, the Assembly Inn and other facilities in Montreat were used in the Fall and Winter and Spring months for varied educational conference groups, such as Young People's Councils, Westminster Fellowship, local church groups, Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. groups, synod and presbytery groups. During the year, we will have had three Synod's Men's Conferences, with the attendance of one as high as 600. We are looking forward to the Men's Council of the General Assembly meeting with us again in 1957.

Perhaps many of us do not know that other conference grounds charge the Boards which have conferences in their grounds for the use of its properties, such as the auditorium, make no contribution to any such conference, and provide no part of the program. We would remind the Church that Montreat not only wants its facilities to be used for any of the conferences of the Church, and that it does much more than just provide accommodations for guests, classrooms and auditorium for such meetings as are needed. Montreat pays all expenses for the music leadership for the entire season, the Bible teacher for each conference, provides some Sunday preachers, and makes a cash contribution to each conference. Montreat also pays the entire expenses of the Bible Conference. For the summer of 1955, Montreat spent $32,000.00 on its program of the summer for the Church.

### *THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM*

The growth in this department of the activities of Montreat is striking proof of the increased number of people attending Montreat's summer program. In the summer of 1955, more than 1,800 boys and girls and young people registered in this Club program. This is more than three times as many sharing in the program than in 1947. Plans are made to care for the recreational, social, and spiritual needs of ages ranging from the Kindergarten on through adults.

Mr. A. Heath Whittle, of the Davidson College faculty, will be Director of this program again, with Mrs. Wm. H. McCorkle, of Atlanta, Georgia, as Associate Director in charge of religious activities. They will have more than twenty-five young school teachers and college students working with them in this program.

### *CAMP MONTREAT FOR GIRLS*

For the first time, in 1955, by April 1 the enrollment for the Camp had filled all available space. This is our experience again for 1956. Mrs. A. W. Norman, of Clemson, South Carolina, has brought to Montreat Camp a rich experience of leadership in camps for girls lasting over approximately twenty years. We say we have a good camp, plus the wonderful thing Montreat can give to it, a religious program, directed by Mrs. Lois Johanson Cale, who is a graduate of General Assembly's Training School and was a teacher at Montreat until her marriage a year ago. Last year, also, was the best year financially Camp Montreat has had.

### *DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM*

Montreat is developing more rapidly. This is seen in the large number of new homes which are being built. Of the more than 400 family units in Montreat, approximately one-fourth of them have been purchased by the owners in the past ten years. At this writing, there are in construction five new homes, and others will be begun before summer.

Extensive repair work of necessity has been done on the drug store, the post office, and the store. Rooms above the store have been re-finished and made ready for the young men who will work at Montreat this summer. This will be the best living quarters they have had. The use of these rooms for the young men releases Sylvan Heights, which is being completely renovated and painted. Two other houses belonging to the

Association have also been renovated and painted. Fellowship Hall for the first time has been painted. Greybeard Road is being hardsurfaced.

Full use for all needed audio-visual equipment is being provided for at considerable expense. These are only some of the major things which have been done.

The gift of $100,000.00 from the Mrs. Amelie McAlister Upshur Estate, of New York, to the College for the erection of a social-recreation hall, will meet one of the emergency needs for the summer program. The Trustees and Directors of the Association and the Trustees of the College both have approved of efforts to secure funds for the erection of such a building. Full use of this building for the summer's program and its use as a gymnasium for the College year is another evidence of the mutual helpfulness of the Association and the Colege.

The Collegiate or Skating Rink will continue to be used for the summer program. The basement to this building is being completed, which will give more needed space for the program.

*FINANCES*

We would call the Church's special attention to the auditor's report and particularly to the balance sheet which shows the condition in 1947 and that of 1956.

We are profoundly grateful to the Church and to all of those who have made it possible for our assets to increase in this large way during these years. This is particularly meaningful, when we recall that up to six years ago the Church had not had Montreat in its budget and as a Church had contributed very, very little to the development of Montreat. Again, we would express our profound gratitude to that large number of owners of stock in the Mountain Retreat Association who put their stock in the Declaration of Trust to be held for the Presbyterian Church, U.S. We are to remember, also, that most of these were cottage owners.

Now we are deeply grateful that our generation has assumed responsibility for the development of Montreat and is giving generously towards it.

Gifts of the General Assembly to Montreat in 1955 were as follows:

| TOTAL | HOWERTON DEBT | CURRENT FUND | COLLEGE |
|---|---|---|---|
| $135,866.47 | $64,699.61 | $30,732.99 | $40,433.87 |

Paid on Howerton debt: Principal $45,000.00
Interest 7,200.00

Prepared to pay additional $28,300.00 on other note.

*TOTAL GIFTS TO MONTREAT*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| $483,551.87 | $332,192.88 | $88,222.70 | $63,136.70 |

*DISTRIBUTION OF GIFTS FOR DEBT RETIREMENT*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Interest paid on Howerton debt loan | $57,679.45 | |
| Equalization from Howerton debt fund | $9,064.36 | $66,743.81 |

Total indebtedness on Howerton Hall reduced to $135,000.00.

THE TOTAL CASH OUTLAY DURING THE PERIOD CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Howerton Hall and Cafeteria | $434,581.31 |
| Other Buildings | 58,072.99 |
| Plant and Equipment | 227,487.81 |
| | $720,142.11 |

MONTREAT COLLEGE

The Trustees of Montreat College who have been elected by the Board of Trustees and Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association and are now serving are as follows:

Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Honorary Member
Rev. Vernon S. Broyles, Jr.
Rev. C. Grier Davis
Rev. A. W. Dick
Rev. James L. Fowle
Rev. J. Chester Frist
Rev. J. Wayte Fulton
Mrs. William F. Graham, Jr.
Mrs. Philip F. Howerton
Mr. Joseph L. Hunter
Mrs. J. Fred Johnson
Mrs. Kenneth S. Keyes
Rev. J. Cecil Lawrence
Rev. William H. McCorkle
Mr. Henry Simpson
Rev. George H. Vick
Rev. Samuel S. Wiley
Mrs. S. Clay Williams, Jr.

Last year the Board of Trustees of the Mountan Retreat Association passed the following resolution: "Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Retreat Association express its confidence in the Board of Trustees of Montreat College, give its approval of that which the Trustees are doing in the development of Montreat College, and express its sincere gratitude to them for energy, faithfulness and great success with which they have discharged the responsibilities they have been asked to assume as Trustees of the College."

The able and dedicated men and women called to this service for the Church prayerfully, eagerly and enthusiastically direct the administration and faculty to make it what you want it to be. They adopt its program and policy. They earnestly covet your prayers for the blessing, guidance and power of the Holy Spirit upon that which they are trying to do for our Church through the program of the College. Gifts and grants for the current operation of the College last year amounted to $88,998.50. The College also had an income from endowment of $23,768.13.

The College has also received the gift of $115,000.00 from the Mrs. Amelie McAlister Upshur Estate, of New York; a gift of $42,560.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Simpson and family, of Greenville, South Carolina, as a memorial to their father, Dr. William David Simpson; a gift of $25,000.00 from a foundation; four scholarships which will amount to $4,000.00 annually; and from the Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, a lovely organ for Gaither Chapel, which will meet all of its needs for worship and teaching for years to come.

We would call your attention, too, to the comparative statement of the auditor of the assets of 1946 and 1956.

Our present student body comes from fourteen states and five foreign countries. Sixty-nine percent of these fine girls have scholarship help despite the fact we charge only $535.00 for room, board, tuition, health fee, activity fee and library fee. We have the largest graduating class this year since it became a four-year college. One-third of the class will have accepted church positions. The increasing student body for the past four years means that we will have the largest number of upper classmen next year. The enrollment for the freshman class of 1956-1957 is about twenty per cent higher than it was this time last year.

The faculty was strengthened last year in the addition of Dr. Benjamin Dunford as Head of the Music Department, with Mrs. Benjamin Dunford a member of the music faculty, and Dr. Hoy Taylor as Head of the Department of Education.

The faculty will be strengthened further next fall by the coming of Dr. George A. Anderson, professor of Bible and Greek and Dean of Students at the Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, to be Vice-President of the College and Professor of Bible, and the coming of Dr. Orville E. Jones, who has been professor at Arkansas College, to be head of the Department of Psychology.

Any who understand something of the problems of higher education know that Montreat College must have a sufficient stable income to achieve that which the Church desires for it. We are greatly encouraged at the gifts which have come to the College in the recent months, and your Trustees of the College are confident that financial security can be established. They covet your permission and earnest prayer that this may be accomplished.

We know no better way to close this report than as follows:

The Trustees and Directors of the Mountain Retreat Association, Trustees of Montreat College, and the Management would again express their deep gratitude for the confidence of the Church in placing upon us the responsibilities of guiding and developing Montreat in all of its phases of service, and would pledge again their devotion and loyalty to the high and tremendous task committed to them. We need your prayers as few such groups in our Church do. "Brethren, pray for us."

Respectfully submitted,

J. RUPERT MCGREGOR, *President.*

EXHIBIT "A"

## MOUNTAIN RETREAT ASSOCIATION

**Montreat, North Carolina**

**Condensed Balance Sheet—December 31, 1955**

### CURRENT FUND

#### ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on Hand and in Banks | $ 7,987.89 |
| Receivables | 52,680.29 |
| Inventories | 16,706.26 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 6,609.53 |
| Land, Buildings, Equipment | 1,533,950.13 |
| Total Assets | $1,617.934.10 |

#### LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | $ 28,019.00 |
| Taxes Payable | 731.40 |
| Deposits | 2,099.00 |
| Mortgages Payable | 307,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | $ 337,849.40 |
| Capital | 62,600.00 |
| Surplus | 1,217,484.70 |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | $1,617,934.10 |

### GATE AND CONFERENCE FUND

#### ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash in Bank | $ 5,006.37 |
| Equipment | 9,948.06 |
| Total Assets | $ 14,954.43 |

#### LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Building Fund | $ 2,000.00 |
| Fund Balance | 12,954.43 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | $ 14,954.43 |

### DEVELOPMENT AND MORTGAGE REDEMPTION FUNDS

#### ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash in Bank | $ 17,901.62 |
| Receivables | 10,668.19 |
| Total Assets | $ 28,569.81 |

#### LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | $ 9,361.23 |
| Fund Balance | 19,208.58 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | $ 28,569.81 |

**Condensed Income Statement—For the Year Ended December 31, 1955**

EXHIBIT "B"

| | Income | Expenses | Profit (Loss) |
|---|---|---|---|
| INCOME | | | |
| Income from Operations | | | |
| Light Plant | $ 33,081.60 | $ 24,079.94 | $ 9,001.66 |
| Water Works | 4,000.50 | 2,419.64 | 1,580.86 |
| Municipal and Other Operations | | | |
| Taxes | 8,851.20 | | |
| Other Customer Charges | 25,487.45 | | |
| Less: Maintenance Wages | | 13,560.16 | |
| Maintenance Expenses | | 4,342.31 | |
| Other Expenses | | 37,446.34 | (21,010.16) |
| Totals | $ 71,420.75 | $ 81,848.39 | $(10,427.64) |
| Other Departments | | | |
| Hotels | $189,585.35 | $154,665.50 | $ 34,919.85 |
| Store | 36,329.29 | 37,905.95 | (1,576.66) |
| Drug Store | 8,431.25 | 8,437.52 | (6.27) |
| Gift Shop | 12,570.49 | 10.971.78 | 1,598.71 |
| Net Profit from Operations | $318,337.13 | $293,829.14 | $ 24,507.99 |
| OTHER INCOME | | | |
| Commissions and Rentals | $ 1,629.77 | | |
| Donations | 45,335.74 | | |
| Other | 16,406.25 | | |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL EXPENSES | | | |
| Salaries | | $ 26,996.44 | |
| Maintenance Allowance | | 5,534.12 | |
| Office Expenses | | 1,857.71 | |
| Upkeep of Cars | | 990.00 | |
| Travel and Committee Expense | | 1,609.12 | |
| Heat, Lights, Water | | 1,431.72 | |
| Telephone and Telegraph | | 1,001.35 | |
| Insurance | | 9,240.98 | |
| Other | | 6,403.98 | |
| Total Other Income (net) | $ 63,371.76 | $ 55,065.42 | $ 8,306.34 |
| Net Income for the Year | | | $ 32,814.33 |

EXHIBIT "C"

**Reconciliation of Surplus—December 31, 1955**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, January 1, 1955 | | $1,145,410.32 |
| Credits | | |
| Net Income for the Year | $32,814.33 | |
| Advances for Paving Roads | 800.00 | |
| Prior Years' Room Deposits Written Off | 1,732.53 | |
| Legal Settlement for Property Damage | 800.00 | |
| Funds Transferred from Mortgage Development Fund | 45,000.00 | 81,146.86 |
| Total | | $1,226,557.18 |
| Debits | | |
| Funds Transferred to Historical Foundation | $ 5,435.00 | |
| Loss on Gymnasium Fire | 3,252.48 | |
| Loss on Sale of Truck | 275.00 | |
| Prior Year's Tax Adjustment | 110.00 | 9,072.48 |
| Balance, December 31, 1955 | | $1,217,484.70 |

**Statement of Gate and Conference Fund Balance—December 31, 1955**

EXHIBIT "D"

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, January 1, 1955 | | $11,926.18 |
| Additions | | |
| Gate Receipts | $19,395.25 | |
| Auditorium Church Collections | 8,100.76 | |
| Other Receipts | 3,601.75 | 31,097.76 |
| Total | | $43,023.94 |
| Deductions | | |
| Salaries and Wages | $ 7,901.14 | |
| Supplies | 1,086.16 | |
| Musicians and Concert Artists | 3,608.33 | |
| Repairs | 1,459.73 | |
| Advertising and Bulletins | 1,025.07 | |
| Maintenance Allowance | 3,917.53 | |
| Other Expenses | 5,208.12 | |
| Appropriations | 5,863.43 | 30,069.51 |
| Balance, December 31, 1955 | | $12,954.43 |

**Statement of Development and Mortgage Redemption Fund Balance—December 31, 1955**

EXHIBIT "E"

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DEVELOPMENT FUND | | | | |
| Balance, January 1, 1955 | | | $ (3,961.77) | |
| Additions | | | | |
| Donations | $24,350.09 | | | |
| Other Receipts | 69.15 | | | |
| Total Additions | | $24,419.24 | | |
| Deductions | | | | |
| Salaries and Wages | $ 2,310.52 | | | |
| Montreat Day Expense | 4,528.04 | | | |
| Office Supplies | 3,545.03 | | | |
| Other Expense | 1,279.72 | 11,663.31 | | |
| Net Additions | | | $ 12,755.93 | |
| Total | | | $ 8,794.16 | |
| Net Additions Transferred to Current Fund | | | $ 12,755.93 | |
| Balance, December 31, 1955 | | | | $(3,961.77) |
| MORTGAGE REDEMPTION FUND | | | | |
| Balance, January 1, 1955 | | | $ 14,594.07 | |
| Additions | | | | |
| General Fund Benevolences | | | 139,953.96 | |
| Total | | | $154,548.03 | |
| Deductions | | | | |
| Interest on Mortgages | | $14,862.13 | | |
| Transfers to Current Fund | | 84,256.98 | | |
| Transfers to Montreat College | | 32,429.81 | $131,548.92 | |
| Balance, December 31, 1955 | | | | $22,999.11 |

CHILDREN'S BUILDING FUND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance, January 1, 1955 | 168.71 | |
| Additions | 2.53 | |
| Interest Received | | 171.24 |
| Balance, December 31, 1955 | | $19,208.58 |

**Balance Sheet**

ASSETS

CURRENT FUND

| | 9-30-47 | 9-30-51 | 12-31-55 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash on Hand | $ 1,700.35 | $ 2,009.27 | $ 2,300.00 |
| Cash in Bank | 14,501.01 | 24,052.30 | 5,687.89 |
| Accounts Receivable | 15,684.05 | 13,395.51 | 3,715.52 |
| Accounts Receivable, Store and Other | 6,750.40 | 4,557.64 | 8,352.24 |
| Taxes Receivable | 10,576.38 | 2,207.34 | 4,376.39 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 312.50 | | |
| Inventories | 14,833.71 | 11,588.51 | 16,706.26 |
| U. S. Government Bonds | 25,000.00 | | |
| Returned Checks | | 57.00 | 207.20 |
| Total Current Assets | $ 89,358.40 | $ 57,867.57 | $ 41,345.50 |
| Land | $ 72,860.30 | $ 73,164.59 | 96,624.75 |
| Buildings | 414,616.40 | 852,245.12 | 977,494.31 |
| Equipment | 120,662.17 | 228,852.77 | 459,831.07 |
| Prepaid Insurance | | 5,545.75 | 6,609.53 |
| Accounts Receivable, College | | 4,921.51 | 33,810.45 |
| Notes Receivable | 2,018.49 | 2,218.49 | 2,218.49 |
| Due from Development Fund | 149,700.00 | | 55.50 |
| Deferred Assets | 1,892.35 | | |
| Total Current Fund | $ 851,108.11 | $1,224,871.30 | $1,617,934.10 |
| GATE AND CONFERENCE FUND | | | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 4,197.86 | $ 6,899.99 | $ 5,006.37 |
| Return Checks | | 21.50 | |
| Equipment | 1,539.08 | 9,912.90 | 9,948.06 |
| Total Gate and Conference | $ 5,736.94 | $ 16,834.39 | $ 14,954.43 |
| DEVELOPMENT AND MORTGAGE FUNDS | | | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 90.39 | $ 25,673.17 | $ 17,901.62 |
| New Building | 259,219.19 | | |
| Equipment | 26,538.86 | | |
| Water Plant Extension | | 31,797.46 | |
| Negro Housing Project | | 18,722.32 | |
| Due from Current Fund | | | 10,668.19 |
| Total Development Fund | $ 285,848.44 | $ 76,192.95 | $ 28,569.81 |
| Total Assets | $1,142,693.49 | $1,317,898.64 | $1,661,458.34 |

## LIABILITIES

CURRENT FUND

| | 9-30-47 | 9-30-51 | 12-31-55 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | $ 18,453.13 | $ 9,830.99 | $ 17,350.81 |
| Commissions Payable | 2,242.28 | 1,157.68 | |
| Notes Payable | 25,000.00 | 20,000.00 | |
| Deposit on Sale of Land | | 200.00 | |
| Accrued Taxes Payable | 2,703.13 | 2,200.22 | 731.40 |
| Total Current Liabilities | $ 48,398.54 | $ 33,388.89 | $ 18,082.21 |
| Customer Deposits | $ 2,125.10 | $ 2,099.00 | $ 2,099.00 |
| Due to Development and Mortgage | | | 10,668.19 |
| Mortgages Payable | 100,000.00 | 355,000.00 | 307,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | $ 150,523.64 | $ 390,487.89 | $ 337,849.40 |
| Capital Stock | $ 62,600.00 | $ 62,600.00 | $ 62,600.00 |
| Surplus | 637,984.47 | 771,783.41 | 1,217,484.70 |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | $ 851,108.11 | $1,224,871.30 | $1,617,934.10 |

GATE AND CONFERENCE FUND

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | | $ 391.32 | |
| Accrued Taxes | $ 16.60 | | |
| Fund Balance | 5,720.34 | 16,387.57 | 14,954.43 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund | $ 5,736.94 | $ 16,834.39 | $ 14,954.43 |

DEVELOPMENT AND MORTGAGE FUNDS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accounts Payable | $ 40,730.35 | $ 2,491.46 | $ 9,361.23 |
| Notes Payable | 12,135.00 | | |
| Accrued Taxes Payable | 524.82 | | |
| Due to Current Fund | 149,700.00 | | |
| Fund Balance | 82,758.27 | 73,701.49 | 19,208.58 |
| Total Development and Mortgage | $ 285,848.44 | $ 76,192.95 | $ 28,569.81 |
| Total Liabilities, Surplus, and Fund Balances | $1,142,693.49 | $1,317,898.64 | $1,661,458.34 |

## MONTREAT COLLEGE

**Balance Sheet, December 31, 1955**

ASSETS

| | 1947 | 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| CURRENT FUND | | |
| Cash on Hand | | $ 675.00 |
| Cash in Bank | $ 5,261.14 | 31,435.99 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,706.81 | 27,168.35 |
| Accrued Interest Receivable | 1,755.79 | 162.50 |
| Notes Receivable | 4,563.99 | 4,241.10 |
| Inventories | 5,130.00 | 1,703.85 |
| Equipment | 1,169.21 | 1,263.47 |
| Prepaid Insurance | | 5,474.64 |
| Return Checks | | 54.50 |
| Deferred Charges | 541.58 | |
| Due from Plant Fund | 761.74 | |
| Due from Endowment Fund | 46.10 | 197.57 |
| Due from Camp Montreat Fund | | 6,013.30 |
| Total | $ 22,936.36 | $ 78,390.27 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **LOAN FUND** | | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 2,097.97 | $ 2,248.24 |
| Notes Receivable | | 1,474.45 |
| Due from Current Fund | | 1,038.00 |
| Due from Endowment Fund | | 100.00 |
| Total | $ 2,097.97 | $ 4,860.69 |
| **PLANT FUND** | | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 3,801.97 | $ 2,346.84 |
| Buildings and Equipment | 68,789.24 | 344,679.77 |
| Due from Current Fund | 1,074.09 | 900.37 |
| Total | $ 73,665.30 | $347,926.98 |
| **ENDOWMENT FUND** | | |
| Cash in Bank | $ 12,476.00 | $ 8,339.88 |
| Investments | 229,692.69 | 290,939.86 |
| Total | $242,168.69 | $299,279.74 |
| **STUDENT BANK FUND** | | |
| Cash on Hand | | $ 456.05 |
| Cash in Bank | | 4,449.73 |
| Total | | $ 4,905.78 |
| **CAMP MONTREAT FUND** | | |
| Cash in Bank | | $ 5,505.03 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 40.00 |
| Inventories | | 468.27 |
| Total | | $ 6,013.30 |
| Total Assets | $340,868.32 | $741,376.76 |

## LIABILITIES

| | 1947 | 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT FUND** | | |
| Accounts Payable | $ 387.70 | $ 20,526.67 |
| Notes Payable | | $ 25,000.00 |
| Accrued Taxes Payable | 76.81 | 915.98 |
| Due to Student Loan Fund | | 1,038.00 |
| Due to Plant Fund | 1,074.09 | 900.37 |
| Current Fund Malance | 21,395.76 | 30,009.25 |
| Total | $ 22,936.36 | $ 78,390.27 |
| **LOAN FUND** | | |
| Loan Fund Balance | $ 2,097.97 | $ 4,860.69 |
| Total | $ 2,097.97 | $ 4,860.69 |
| **PLANT FUND** | | |
| Crosby Adams Fund | | $ 2,126.88 |
| Due to Current Fund | $ 761.74 | |
| Plant Fund Balance | 72,903.56 | 345,800.10 |
| Total | $ 73,665.30 | $347,926.98 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **ENDOWMENT FUND** | | |
| Due to Current Fund | $ 46.10 | $ 197.57 |
| Due to Student Loan Fund | | 100.00 |
| Endowment Fund Balance | 242,122.59 | 298,982.17 |
| Total | $242,168.69 | $299,279.74 |
| **STUDENT BANK FUND** | | |
| Student Bank Fund Balance | | $ 4,905.78 |
| Total | | $ 4,905.78 |
| **CAMP MONTREAT FUND** | | |
| Due to Current Fund | | $ 6,013.30 |
| Total | | $ 6,013.30 |
| Total Liabilities | $340,868.32 | $741,376.76 |

| Income<br>Educational and General | College Budget 54-55 | College Actual Calendar Yr. 1955 | *High School Budget 54-55 | *High School Actual Calendar Yr. 1955 | College Budget 55-56 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Student Fees | $ 31,500.00 | $ 35,139.89 | $ 13,500.00 | $ 6,925.20 | $ 36,000.00 |
| Gifts and Grants | 60,000.00 | 88,988.50 | | | 75,000.00 |
| Income—Endowment | 22,000.00 | 23,768.13 | | | 25,000.00 |
| Total | $113,500.00 | $147,896.52 | $ 13,500.00 | $ 6,925.20 | $136,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 750.00 | 1,125.31 | | | 1,000.00 |
| Auxiliary Enterprises | 87,500.00 | 97,412.81 | 25,000.00 | 10,419.31 | 95,000.00 |
| Total Income | $201,750.00 | $245,309.33 | $ 38,500.00 | $ 17,344.51 | $231,000.00 |
| **Expenses** | | | | | |
| Educational and General | $ 58,000.00 | $ 62,834.54 | $ 9,850.00 | $ 5,128.71 | $ 63,824.00 |
| General and Administrative | 29,500.00 | 32,440.66 | 2,800.00 | 699.90 | 33,500.00 |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant | 24,050.00 | 29,590.92 | 4,700.00 | 2,280.38 | 30,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 4,100.00 | 4,378.90 | 245.00 | 562.50 | 4,200.00 |
| Auxiliary Enterprises | 89,650.00 | 96,423.32 | 24,344.00 | 13,445.04 | 92,423.00 |
| Total Expenses | $205,300.00 | $225,668.34 | $ 41,939.00 | $ 22,116.53 | $223,947.00 |

*Discontinued at end of 1955 School year.

**Statement of Camp Montreat—1955**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | |
| Income from Campers | $38,258.50 | |
| Other Income | 7,732.28 | |
| Total Income | | $45,990.78 |
| EXPENDITURES | | $35,698.02 |
| Income Before Director's Commission | | $10,292.76 |
| Director's Commission | | 1,574.55 |
| Total Income for Current Fund | | $ 8,718.21 |

## VI. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES

Twenty-nine years ago, when the Foundation was established by the General Assembly as the Church's historical agency, it was authorized to collect, preserve and promote the use of materials relating to the Presbyterian and Reformed churches. The

present report deals with the manner in which this three-fold commission was carried out during the year 1955.

## I. Collection and Preservation

### *Archives*

While considerable addition was made to all sections of the Foundation, 1955 was a year in which a number of items added to the Archives call for particular notice. A total of forty volumes of records from the recently dissolved Maryland Avenue Church of Baltimore, Maryland, were deposited in the name of the Presbytery of Potomac. The oldest sessional records ever to be received came from the Fairforest Church of Jonesville, South Carolina, with the arrival of a volume covering the years 1791-1803, together with those for two succeeding periods.

Besides the foregoing, several extensive early runs of sessional minutes representing other congregations were added. Among these were the records of Ebenezer Church, Columbia, Tennessee, 1820-1921; Hopewell, McCormick, South Carolina, (extinct), 1839-1947; New Hope, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1820-1906; and Shiloh, Grover, North Carolina, 1828-1912.

General manuscript acquisitions were scarcely less noteworthy. A revealing letter written by President Andrew Jackson to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, then mistress at the Hermitage, is not only of ecclesiastical, but decidedly Presbyterian, flavor. In keeping with a recently-established custom, the official correspondence of Rev. Wade H. Boggs as Moderator of the General Assembly was acquired. The papers of Rev. Dunbar H. Ogden, relating to negotiations pertaining to union with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., have been received, though this collection will not be open to the public until the year 1980.

An early deed (1800) and somewhat later history (about 1820) relating to the Liberty Spring, South Carolina, Church have been placed in the Foundation. This is also true of a petition for ministerial supplies drawn up in the early days of Presbyterianism in Mississippi, which bears the names of the signers.

### *Library*

The already formidable reference division of the Library was further strengthened through purchases of those volumes of the *American Genealogical-Biographical Index* which were published during the year, Barrow's *Bibliography of Bibliographies in Religion*, the first volume of the *British Union Catalogue of Periodicals*, the two volumes of *Confederate Imprints*, the thirteenth and final volume of Evans' *American Bibliography*, and Gillett's *Catalogue of the McAlpin Collection* (6 vols.).

The Waldensian and Scottish sections of the Library were augmented. Among the additions to the latter was a copy of the classic Pennant's *Tour of Scotland*, published at Chester in 1771. F. A. Sondley's extended *History of Buncombe County* was also acquired during the past twelve months.

Five issues of the *North Carolina Telegraph*, a Presbyterian weekly issued for only one year (1826) from Fayetteville, were added by purchase to previous holdings of this excessively rare periodical. Only three other libraries report copies of the *Telegraph* among their collections.

A pamphlet of paramount Presbyterian and Confederate interest was acquired by gift. This item bears the title, *Constitution, By-laws and Catalogue of Members of the Christian Association of the Stonewall Brigade*, and was imprinted at Richmond in 1864.

### *History of Churches and Woman's Work*

This collection goes forward in accelerated fashion, the number of binders now exceeding thirteen hundred with constant additions being made. It has proved necessary to move a portion of these volumes from the room designated for their housing to the adjoining stack area on the main floor of the Foundation.

The resignation of Mrs. W. T. Fowler as General Historian took place in the spring. Mrs. Fowler was in office when the History was begun and has guided it across the quarter-century of its growth.

In July, the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the History of Churches and Woman's Work was celebrated with a birthday party held in the Foundation. Fifty of the historians who had a part in the compilation were present for the occasion.

*Museum*

An old friend has reappeared in the Museum in the form of the model of that Tabernacle around which the worship of the Children of Israel centered during the days of their wilderness wanderings. This had long been stored, due to lack of space for its display.

A communion spoon, acquired by Mrs. Billy Graham while visiting in Scotland during her husband's work in Glasgow in the earlier portion of the year, has been added to the tokens, services, cloths, tables and benches, associated with the Sacrament.

A scale model of the Harpeth Church of Tennessee has found a place with those of other congregations already possessed by the Museum. A bench from the Old Stone Church of Lewisburg, West Virginia, was presented to the Foundation from the Old Stone house of worship which dates from 1797.

A splendid portrait in oils of Rev. S. L. Morris, for many years Secretary of Home Missions for the General Assembly, was presented by the daughters of Dr. Morris. This is the work of Mrs. Hunter Blakely whose work was already represented by her painting of James Thornwell.

Eight large water-colors depicting the Seven Churches of Mecklenburg, and an early (about 1770) addition to that mystic number, were purchased from the Charlotte, North Carolina, artist, Al Fincher. These colorful pictures will be on special display during the summer of 1956.

Through the interest and exertions of Rev. Kenneth J. Foreman, Jr., of Korea, a life-like collection of 112 stereo photographs of present-day Presbyterians came to the Foundation.

## II. USE

An unusually large number of correspondents were supplied with information through the mails. In many instances it is possible for the staff of the Foundation to furnish such data as will serve the needs of the inquirer, although, as is obvious, there are limitations as to what may be accomplished in this manner.

Research students during the year represented a wide geographical area and a variety of interests. Among these were Professor Penrose St. Amant of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, engaged in collecting materials for a history of New Orleans Presbytery; Professor Kenneth Bailey of Indiana State University, concerned with the story of Southern Fundamentalism; Professor Hal Bridges of the University of Colorado, who discovered a number of items on General D. H. Hill; Mrs. H. D. Brown of Rock Hill, South Carolina, who continued research by way of preparation of her forthcoming volume on the Catawba Indians; Dean Thomas Campbell of the Theological Seminary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, assembling materials for class use; Rev. James Cogswell, gathering data on the history of the Japan Mission; Mr. W. H. Daniel, graduate student at Duke University, reviewing the Confederate Chaplaincy; Rev. Paul Freeland, resuming the preparation of sketches of the members of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, predecessor to the present Board of World Missions; Professor Herman Norton of Vanderbilt University, like Mr. Daniel, studying the Confederate Chaplaincy; Miss Madeline Orr of Charlotte, North Carolina, continuing her search for items on the history of the First Church of that city; Rev. Robert E. Scott, graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania and interested in the Old and New School division of 1837; Rev. Richard C. White, candidate for the degree of Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky, tracing the development of Public School Education in that State; Rev. Norman R. Wood, enrolled at Mississippi State College and working on Presbyterian Influence in the Old Southwest; and Rev. Thomas W. Yonker, Ph.D. student at Duke, compiling materials on Negro Churches in North Carolina.

The distinguished author, Professor Arthur S. Link, of the faculty of Northwestern University, utilized the physical facilities of the Foundation during a great part of the summer in preparing the forthcoming volume of his definitive biography of Woodrow Wilson for the press.

## III. AS OTHERS SEE US

Two recent scholarly works, Marjorie Crandall's two-volume *Confederate Imprints*, published by the Boston Athenaeum in 1955, and John G. Barrow's *Bibliography of Bibliographies in Religion*, also issued during the year, include informal and entirely

unintentional appraisals of the Historical Foundation. Under "Church Publications," the former lists forty-one Presbyterian items, of which the Foundation is credited with twenty-seven. Of this number, seven are claimed by no other participating library. In another instance, where only the Library of Congress is designated as holder, the Foundation has the manuscript of the publication concerned.

Barrow's comprehensive bibliography—it includes Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, Russian and Greek, as well as many entries in somewhat more familiar languages—sets down seventeen subjects under the title "Presbyterians." Nine of this number are British imprints. Of the remaining eight, two are Historical Foundation publications and a third was written by a member of the Foundation staff.

The *Charlotte Observer* of July 29, 1955, published a story under the title "A Presbyterian Treasure Chest," which described the Foundation, together with a number of its holdings, and included four pictures relating to the institution. The *Christian Observer* for August 31, 1955, might well be identified as a Historical Foundation number. A lengthy display article, prepared by the Editor, "Preserving the Records of Presbyterianism," was accompanied by two half-page pictures and six other illustrations.

### IV. Executive Committee

Ruling Elder William H. Barnhardt, who has been especially active as a member of the Executive Committee for a number of years, serving as Chairman, 1953-1955, retires with the meeting of the 1956 Assembly. Under his leadership much visible progress has been made, the erection of the present building having taken place during the time in which he headed the Committee. Rev. William T. McElroy was added to the Executive Committee through election by the 1955 General Assembly.

*Recommendations*

1. That each commissioner to the 1956 General Assembly make a careful inspection of the Historical Foundation.

2. That the thanks of the Assembly be extended to all those who have made contributions, either of funds, or of materials, to the Foundation during the past year.

HAMILTON W. MCKAY, *Chairman*

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1956**

### GENERAL FUND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **RECEIPTS** | | |
| A. R. P. Church | $ 100.00 | |
| Cumberland General Assembly | 100.00 | |
| Dividends | 21.00 | |
| Gifts | 18.00 | |
| Interest Received | 202.29 | |
| Sale of Books and Photographs | 29.49 | |
| Sustaining Memberships | 3,049.22 | |
| The General Assembly | 5,957.48 | |
| U. S. General Fund | 14,169.01 | |
| **Total Receipts** | | $23,646.49 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS** | | |
| Salaries and Pensions: | | |
| Curator | $ 6,299.90 | |
| Assistants | 3,990.00 | |
| Clerical | 1,470.78 | |
| Custodial | 858.15 | |
| | $12,618.83 | |
| Less: Annuities and Taxes | 1,522.58 | $11,096.25 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Paid for Annuities and Taxes: | | | |
| Ministers Annuity | $ 752.61 | | |
| Federal Payroll Tax | 1,543.02 | 2,295.63 | |
| Building Operation: | | | |
| Cleaning and Supplies | 508.07 | | |
| Drayage and Miscellaneous | 66.07 | | |
| Heat, Light, Water | 851.45 | | |
| Insurance | 761.20 | | |
| Repairs | 130.71 | | |
| Telephone | 207.05 | 2,524.55 | |
| Foundation Disbursements: | | | |
| Purchases | $ 880.65 | | |
| Incidentals | 300.00 | | |
| News | 824.95 | | |
| Postage and Printing | 494.93 | | |
| Supplies and Equipment | 306.80 | | |
| Traveling Expense | 487.78 | | |
| Photographs and Posters | 294.85 | 3,589.96 | |
| | | $19,506.39 | $23,646.49 |
| Other Disbursements: | | | |
| Annual Audit | $ 50.00 | | |
| Committee Expenses | 182.04 | | |
| Dishonored Check | 1.00 | | |
| Equalization Fund | 2,153.70 | | |
| Gifts and Pensions | 230.00 | | |
| Group Insurance | 174.10 | | |
| Manse Allowance | 1,200.00 | 3,990.84 | |
| **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** | | | $23,497.23 |
| **GENERAL FUND BALANCE** | | | $ 149.26 |
| **BINDER FUND** | | | |
| Sales | | $ 1,833.11 | |
| Purchases | | 1,881.09 | |
| **OVERDRAFT BINDER FUND** | | | $ 47.98 |
| **BUILDING FUND** | | | |
| **Balance in Bank December 31, 1954** | | | $ 4,774.39 |
| **RECEIPTS** | | | |
| Mountain Retreat Association | | $ 5,000.00 | |
| Women of the Church and Others | | 3,889.01 | |
| Interest Received | | 435.00 | |
| **TOTAL RECEIPTS** | | | 9,324.01 |
| | | | $14,098.40 |
| **DISBURSEMENTS** | | | |
| Furniture and Equipment | | $ 4,100.20 | |
| Printing | | 190.80 | |
| Repairs | | 55.34 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Survey | 65.00 | |
| Traveling Expense | 41.93 | |
| **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** | | 4,453.27 |
| Balance in Bank December 31, 1955 | | $ 9,645.13 |
| Balance per bank statement | $ 9,599.13 | |
| **Plus:** Deposited in 1956 | 46.00 | $ 9,645.13 |

**SPECIAL FUND BALANCES**
**December 31, 1955**

| | |
|---|---|
| William T. Fowler Fund | $ 1,000.00 |
| Charles Johnson Freeland, Sr. Fund | 1,000.00 |
| Pearl C. Jenkins Fund | 1,215.00 |
| Life Membership Fund | 602.00 |
| Photographic Equipment Fund | 1,528.80 |
| Blanding Fund | 200.00 |
| Patterson Fund | 500.00 |

## VII. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

The members of the Board of Directors of the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY would express to the General Assembly their deep appreciation at being delegated as managers of the Church's official monthly magazine and as such stewards of the printed page.

The Directors, further, would express gratitude to our people for their generous support of the publication, and especially to those far-visioned sessions which have adopted the Every Family Plan in their churches.

The Board of SURVEY would report to the General Assembly another great year of activity, which has seen the circulation climb by 20 per cent to a present subscription list approximating 37,000.

In the interests of building circulation and promoting the magazine in general, the SURVEY'S Promotional Director and members of the Board have traveled hundreds of miles, speaking at meetings of Presbyteries and Synods, Presbyterials, and Synodicals, and church conferences.

During the year the editorial staff has continued its efforts to improve the content and appearance of the magazine, introducing a new editorial section, an improved book review section, and several other features. Steps also have been taken to launch in September a Children's Section.

The SURVEY rejoices in the increasing number of words of praise it receives, and the increasing number of requests from other publications to reprint its articles. At the same time, letters of criticism of the magazine's policies have become almost non-existent.

During the past year the Board has formulated a Manual of Operation to guide the Staff and Directors in management and policy matters, and herewith submits a copy of this Manual to the General Assembly for its approval.

In furtherance of the goals set up for the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY by the General Assembly, the magazine's Board of Directors would respectfully RECOMMEND to the General Assembly:

1) That the General Assembly set up a Standing Committee to receive, study and act upon the report of the Board of Directors of PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY, inasmuch as this Board is responsible directly to the General Assembly and not to any other Board or agency.

2) That the General Assembly reaffirm its enthusiastic endorsement of the Every Family Plan, whereby churches write the SURVEY into their budgets on the basis of a subscription for every resident family. Further, that in order to accomplish its stated goal of enrolling every church in this Plan, the General Assembly forward word of this

official endorsement to every synod and presbytery to impress upon these church courts their essential responsibility in achieving this objective.

3) That synods and presbyteries be urged to give time for hearing a presentation of the official magazine, the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY, and that a representative of the magazine be invited to address these church courts.

4) That endorsement be given to "Survey Week—Official Presbyterian Magazine" as proposed by the General Council for the week of November 3-10, 1957.

5) That attention be called to the expiration of the terms of three SURVEY directors: William H. Sansing of Dallas, Texas; Dr. DeWitt Reddick of Austin, Texas; and Rev. Warner DuBose, Jr., of Elkins, W. Va., and to the fact that these are eligible for re-election.

6) That approval be given to the Manual of Operations of The PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY.

7) That the General Assembly express its appreciation to the editor and staff of the SURVEY for the many improvements made in the magazine, and for the service which the magazine is rendering the Church through its articles, devotional and inspirational materials, news and picture coverage.

8) That pending the adoption of this report of the Board of Directors the General Assembly hear for 10 minutes a staff presentation on the PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. ROBERTS, *Chairman*

## MANUAL OF OPERATION
## THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY

Like other boards and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Board of *The Presbyterian Survey* operates under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly, through a Board of Directors. With the approval of the General Assembly, the *Survey* shall be published by the Board of Christian Education, but this Board shall not be responsible for its contents nor management since this responsibility has been assigned by the General Assembly to the Board of Directors of the *Survey*.

### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Membership of the Board of Directors*

The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members-at-large and a representative of the General Council and of each of the following Church Boards: The Board of Annuities and Relief; the Board of Christian Education; the Board of Church Extension; the Board of Women's Work; and the Board of World Missions.

The Editor and General Manager, and the Consulting Editor of the *Survey* shall be ex-officio members of the Board, without vote but with the privilege of the floor. Other *Survey* staff members may attend meetings. Members-at-large shall be elected by the General Assembly for three-year terms, with three retiring each year. Representatives of the boards and agencies shall be nominated by the respective agencies and elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years.

*Function of the Board of Directors*

The Board shall be charged with responsibility for the editorial and financial management of the *Survey*, under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly. The Board of Directors is "to effect the development of *The Presbyterian Survey* into such an organ (as described earlier) and be given sole direction and control of the publication of the magazine. The Board of Directors shall be directly responsible to the General Assembly and shall report annually thereto."

*Meetings*

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least semi-annually, at a time and place to be set by agreement of the Board. Special meetings may be held at the call of the Chairman or the Executive Committee.

*Officers of the Board*

The following officers shall be elected annually at the conclusion of the first meeting following General Assembly: (1) Chairman; (2) Vice Chairman; and (3) Secretary. A Recording Secretary may also be appointed. No person shall be elected to one of these offices for more than three consecutive terms.

*Duties of the Chairman:* To prepare an agenda for each meeting of the Board and duly notify (through the Secretary) all those who are required to make reports or otherwise to present matters at the meeting; to preside at meetings of the Board; to appoint members of special committees when such members are not to be named by the Board as a whole; to be available for counsel with each committee; to call meetings of the Executive Committee when needed and to preside at such meetings; generally to represent the Board at Assembly meetings.

*Vice Chairman:* To preside at meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman; to serve as a member of the Executive Committee; to serve on other committees as requested by the Board.

*Secretary:* To be responsible for minutes of Board meetings; to request minutes of the Board's committees; to preserve reports of the various committees; to maintain all of these materials in a permanent record of the Board's work; to notify Board members of responsibilities assigned to them by the Board or Executive Committee; to send notices of meetings at least four weeks in advance, reminding members of reports to be made.

*Recording Secretary:* To perform duties as assigned by the Secretary.

*Committees of the Board*

*Promotion and Finance Committee:* To work with the Editor and General Manager, in co-operation with the Promotional Director, in proposing and administering fiscal policies; to have basic responsibilities to the Board for the financial welfare of the *Survey;* to prepare in advance of each Board meeting a report on finances and financial problems which will be presented and discussed at the meeting; to work with the Promotional Director in planning promotional procedures.

*Editorial Committee:* To work with the Editor and General Manager and his staff in proposing editorial policies for Board consideration; to plan for a periodic evaluation of the content of the Survey through whatever means may seem feasible; to prepare in advance of each Board meeting suggestions for improvement, and evaluation of recent issues, and ideas for possible subjects; to meet with the members of the Board of Directors who are representatives of our Church boards and plan the editorial content of forthcoming issues; to present to the Board of Directors a report at each meeting concerning editorial policies and proposals.

*Editorial Content Planning Committee:* Members of the Editorial Committee and those representing boards of the Church shall constitute the Editorial Content Planning Committee. In addition, the Editor and General Manager, the Associate Editor, and the Consulting Editor of the Survey shall be considered full voting members of the Editorial Content Planning Committee, and other staff members may be invited to participate in meetings of this committee. This committee shall have the responsibility of formulating major editorial policies and planning the more important articles for the *Survey,* under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors. Actions of the committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors. This committee shall elect its chairman annually at the close of the first meeting after General Assembly; and no person shall serve more than three consecutive terms.

*Executive Committee:* To have the authority to act for the Board between meetings and to make decisions on matters which cannot be conveniently postponed until the next Board meeting; the Committee may represent the Board at meetings with other groups or may appoint representatives; the Executive Committee should be available for counsel with the Editor and General Manager and the Promotional Director. Membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary.

*Special Committees:* Other committees may be appointed by the Chairman or by the Board as needed.

*Procedure at Meetings*

Members of the Editorial Committee and those representing boards of the Church shall meet with the staff of the *Survey* as the Editorial Content Planning Committee to plan the content of forthcoming issues of the *Survey.* This meeting shall be held immediately prior to a meeting of the whole Board.

After the Board is convened for its regular meeting, a short time shall be allowed, if requested, for committee meetings in which final discussion may be held on the report which each committee shall make to the Board. (Most of the work on these reports should be completed prior to the date of the Board meeting.)

The agenda for the meeting should be circulated by the Secretary in advance of the meeting. Committee chairmen will be expected to report at each meeting unless the Secretary is notified to the contrary. Any member wishing to place an item on the docket may notify the Secretary.

The agenda for a meeting will generally consist of the following items: (1) Report from the Executive Committee; (2) report from the Promotion and Finance Committee; (3) report from the Editorial Committee and the Editorial Content Planning Committee; (4) report from the Promotional Director upon matters not contained in the committee reports; (5) report from the Editor and General Manager upon matters not contained in committee reports; (6) executive session; election of officers.

## *THE SURVEY STAFF*

The *Survey Staff* shall consist of (1) Editor and General Manager, (2) Promotional Director, (3) Associate Editor, (4) Consulting Editor, and (5) secretarial help. New staff members may be added upon the recommendation of the Editor and General Manager, and approval of the Executive Committee (or Personnel Committee, if one is appointed), and the whole Board of Directors. Members of the *Survey* staff shall always be welcome at meetings of the Board of Directors, except that on occasions the Board may wish to declare itself in Executive Session.

*The Editor and General Manager:* He shall be responsible to the Board for general supervision of the Survey. He will give particular attention to the editorial content, taking the initiative in planning policies, suggesting ideas for articles, and striving for increased readability, as well as carrying through the plans formulated by the Editorial Content Planning Committee. He will outline the duties of the various members of the editorial staff and will present this outline as a matter of information at a meeting of the Board.

*The Promotional Director:* He shall be responsible for the circulation, promotion, and advertising divisions of the *Survey*, under the supervision of the Editor and General Manager, and the Board.

The *Consulting Editor:* He shall serve to safeguard the *Survey* against misinterpretation of church doctrine and policy.

*The Associate Editor:* He shall perform duties outlined by the Editor and General Manager.

## PURPOSES OF *THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY*

The *Survey*, like any other magazine, must be read before it can exercise any influence upon those who receive it. Therefore, careful consideration must be given to the planning of articles which show a perception of reader interests and an understanding of reader appeal. If the readers lack an awareness of the importance of some topic which is of concern to the Church, the articles on that topic must be written so as to stimulate that sense of awareness. It is to be understood that the following listing of purposes in no way belittles the importance of readability.

The purposes of the *Survey* are:

1. To stimulate an interest in and an understanding of the program of the Presbyterian Church in the United States;
2. To report on the work that the various church boards, agencies, the church courts and institutions, are doing to carry out that program;
3. To clarify problems which confront churches today, in education, stewardship, evangelism, church extension and other aspects of church life, and to provide leadership in meeting those problems;
4. To lead individuals to deepen their personal commitment to Christ through a profounder understanding of prayer, the Bible as a source of inspiration, and the meaning of a Christian way of life;
5. To provide information, inspiration and guidance for the individual as he strives to live as a Christian in all aspects of his life;
6. To show the relationships of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to the total impact of Christian forces in the world.

THE PRESBYTERIAN SURVEY
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
For the Year Ended December 31, 1955

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| INCOME: | | | |
| Subscription Income | | $56,045.00 | |
| Advertising Income | | 5,551.84 | |
| Miscellaneous | | 12.00 | |
| Total Income | | | $61,608.84 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| Salaries: | | | |
| Editorial | $9,666.72 | | |
| Proof and Copy Reading | 1,190.12 | | |
| Secretarial | 2,447.65 | | |
| Promotional | 5,000.00 | 18,304.49 | |
| Printing Cost | | 43,510.99 | |
| Articles Purchased | | 359.00 | |
| Illustrations and Cuts | | 3,488.47 | |
| Handling and Mailing Cost | | 10,676.97 | |
| Shipping Postage | | 1,504.97 | |
| Advertising and Promotion | | 4,589.52 | |
| Telephone and Telegraph | | 63.28 | |
| Rental—Office Equipment | | 246.00 | |
| Office Rent | | 1,152.00 | |
| Stationery, Postage and Office Supplies | | 1,770.07 | |
| Travel | | 1,720.01 | |
| Board Meeting Expenses | | 513.73 | |
| Hospitalization and Retirement | | 1,004.88 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | | 736.47 | |
| Total Expenses | | | $89,640.85 |
| Net Loss for the Year | | | $28,032.01 |

NET LOSS TO BE BORNE BY THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

| | Per Cent | Amount | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Board of World Missions | 39 % | $10,932.48 | |
| Board of Church Extension | 28 | 7,848.96 | |
| Board of Christian Education | 18½ | 5,158.92 | |
| Board of Annuities and Relief | 9½ | 2,663.04 | |
| Board of Women's Work | 2 | 560.65 | |
| The General Council | 3 | 840.96 | |
| Totals | 100 % | | $28,032.01 |

## VIII. REPORTS OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

### 1. ON THE STATEMENT OF CHAPTER EIGHT IN THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP

The Committee consulted, as it had been instructed by the Assembly, with representatives of the Board of Christian Education in person and by correspondence.

In making its report the committee was guided by the following principles: (1) any statement should be explicitly in accord with other sections of the Book of Church Order which describe authority for the educational program of the church; (2) the statements should be as brief as is possibly commensurate with adequacy; and (3) the statements regarding details ordinarily covered in planning and organizational manuals of the Board of Christian Education should be omitted from the Book of Church Order

statement, and reference made to the program of the General Assembly, reducing the need for future changes in the Book of Church Order statement.

Your committee suggests the following as a substitute for the entirety of present Chapter Eight in the Directory for Worship:

"Chapter Eight—Christian Nurture

339. One of the major aims of the Church is Christian nurture. The Church seeks to attain this end through various channels including the Christian family, the community, and its own program.

340. The family bears the primary responsibility for the Christian nurture of its members. The particular church should provide guidance, aid, and inspiration to its families for fulfilling this task.

341. The community has far-reaching influence over the Christian nurture of persons. The churches of the community should endeavor to develop conditions in the community which are conducive to Christian growth.

342. The particular church seeks to provide for Christian nurture within the church through an educational program for children, youth and adults.

343. The aim of the educational program of a particular church is under the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, to bring about a growing understanding of and trust in God as revealed in Jesus Christ; a personal acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord; a definite personal commitment to and growth in the Christian life; a loyalty to the Church and an intelligent and whole-hearted participation in its life and work; a knowledge and use of the Bible; a Christian interpretation of life and the universe; and Christian attitudes and conduct toward all persons and groups in society.

344. The educational program is under the control of the Session. (Par. 65) and under the supervision of the Pastor (Par. 36). All curriculum materials and activities should be approved, and all officers, leaders, and teachers elected by the Session. The Session should endeavor to see that adequate physical equipment is provided for the educational program. The Session may appoint a Committee on Christian Education to assist it in providing for an effective educational program. The Pastor should be an advisory member of this Committee. The Session may employ qualified persons for service in the educational program, who shall work under the supervision of the Session and the Pastor, and in close cooperation with the Committee on Christian Education, where one exists. The Session should see that the plans and materials used in the educational program of the particular church are in harmony with the program approved by the General Assembly.

345. The realization of the aims of the educational program will depend largely on the character and qualifications of its leaders. They shall be chosen annually on the basis of spiritual experience, understanding of the Bible, motives, personality, natural ability, educational ideals, loyalty to the beliefs of our Church, aspiration to grow in knowledge and Christian character, and requisite skills. Definite training for their service should be expected of them and opportunity for it provided. They should make careful preparation for their work, be regular and prompt in its performance, be loyal to all purposes and policies of the program, and regard their calling as sacred and of the highest importance.

346. Chief among the materials for the educational program should be the Bible. The curriculum should include the study of the doctrines of our Church, and all curriculum materials should be in accord with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures, and with our doctrinal standards, as set forth in the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church. The basic activities are: worship, study, fellowship, recreation and service. The program should emphasize personal devotion to Christ, daily Christian living, witnessing and evangelism, stewardship and vocation, Christian relations, and the Church and its world mission."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. MILLARD, JR., *Chairman*

## 2. ON CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH

The Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health held one meeting during the year for the purpose of carrying out the assignment of the 1955 General Assembly to devise ways for keeping this matter before the churches. In the light of comments and suggestions received following the adoption of the committee's report to the 1955 Assembly, attention was given to the preparation of a brief statement of affirmation in regard to faith and health. In addition, the committee has prepared suggestions for using the 1955 report, and has listed certain bibliographical materials which will be helpful for further study. These three papers are attached, and form a part of this report.

In accord with the 1955 Assembly's authorization that the committee be empowered to call additional personnel for conference, a Seminar on Christianity and Health has been arranged to meet in Richmond, Virginia, August 2, 3, 4, 1956. To this Seminar have been invited representatives of the medical profession, of the clergy, and interested laymen. The Seminar will be held without expense to the Assembly. It is hoped that significant findings will emerge from this meeting which will prove of value to the churches.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Since the study of the report of this committee made to the 1955 General Assembly has proved provocative and helpful to some groups to which it has been presented, we therefore recommend that the General Assembly cause the pamphlet, which is part of the committee's 1956 report, to be printed and distribute one to each church in the General Assembly, and that additional copies be printed to make the report available to individuals or groups who might desire to make a study of it.
2. Because a continuing concern for healing is a part of our commission as Christians, because of the wide-spread interest of our people and because of the need for continued guidance and encouragement in these matters, and because the Ad Interim Committee has discovered that this is a living concern and that more things are involved under this subject than can rightly be included in any limited study, we therefore recommend that the General Assembly create a "Permanent Committee on Christianity and Health," to meet at least once each year and charged with the responsibility of keeping this important area of our mission as a Church before our membership, and of providing positive help by encouraging the publication of articles, the publication of reviews of books and articles on this subject, the setting up of local and area groups and conferences which would have this subject as their concern, the encouraging of cooperation between clergy and physicians, and/or any other things which may seem to them appropriate.
3. That the Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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### CHRISTIANITY AND HEALTH

**A Report to the Churches by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States**
**June, 1956**

*Containing reports of Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health adopted by the General Assemblies of 1955 and 1956 and suggestions for use of the reports.*

#### AFFIRMATION

1. We believe in the power of God to heal the whole man in body, mind and spirit.
2. We believe in the responsibility of man to do all possible to prevent and to heal

sickness of body, mind or spirit. Our faith in a sovereign God does not deliver us from personal responsibility before Him to act upon our present knowledge of health and cure.

3. We believe in a cooperative ministry of those professions concerned with healing such as medicine and the ministry. Such a cooperation is a part of man's responsibility in preventing illness and in effecting cure.
4. We believe that it is necessary for every generation to affirm the power of God in human life, and at the same time to advance in the understanding of God's ways of working through His creation in healing. Thus, increased understanding of the sciences, undergirded by faith, may enable man more and more to meet his own responsibility in securing and maintaining health.
5. We believe that soundness of health is not necessarily a measure of righteousness or faith, and also that sickness is neither an indication of unrighteousness nor absence of saving faith. Interpretations contrary to this are specifically disputed by the Bible.
6. We believe that if we neglect our faith in the power of God, or on the other hand if we neglect our human responsibilities, we fall into error.
7. We believe that there are interpretations of faith in the area of healing rising out of the distortions mentioned above which are receiving wide credence but which find no support in the Scriptures when rightly interpreted. Hence, our people are cautioned to take care concerning promises which may have considerable appeal but which have no foundation in Scripture, or are not in the spirit of Jesus Christ, or are based on isolated texts from the Bible which are not interpreted in the light of the Biblical message. All such promises should be examined carefully and prayerfully and, where possible, in company with others.
8. We believe that the Christian Church can and should offer that love, fellowship and strength to every person under its influence which reveal the redeeming power of God for the growth of the individual. We believe this constitutes a preventive ministry in the sense of sustaining the person in hours of crisis so that disintegration of body, mind or spirit will not occur, and that this also serves a healing purpose as the Church functions as a channel for divine grace.

### REPORT TO THE 1955 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following overture from the Presbytery of Brazos was given to this committee:

"SINCE the study, teaching and practice of so-called 'faith-healing,' are not only the practice of many of the non-established and traditional churches, but also increasingly are drawing attention among many of our own constituency,

AND FURTHERMORE, since the theology and ethic of such healing may sometimes be questionable if not contradictory and confusing,

BUT SINCE undoubtedly the Bible does give some definite basis for belief in the power of faith with reference to healing,

THEREFORE, the Presbytery of Brazos respectfully overtures the General Assembly to appoint an ad interim committee to make a thorough study of this matter and make a written report of its findings to the General Assembly, in order that the General Assembly, if it deems best, may give our people and especially our ruling and teaching elders specific guidance and direction in the handling of this matter."

### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The members of the General Assembly's Ad Interim Committee on Christianity and Health approached our assignment with deep humility and earnest prayer, being keenly aware of the importance of the issues involved. No committee report can do justice to the divine mystery which is involved in the processes of healing. Those who give thought to such matters find themselves involved in processes which are not comprehended by human reasoning, and in truths which sometimes seem paradoxical to us.

### COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee was composed of two medical doctors, one of whom practices in the field of general medicine, the other in the field of psychiatry; two faculty members from theological seminaries; three pastors of churches, and one representative of the General

Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers. We studied individually and we had two meetings of the entire committee.

### CONTEMPORARY INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR HEALING AND RELIGION

It would seem to us to be true that more and more people in general and more people in our own Church are now concerned about the relationship of our Christian Faith to our health, spiritual, mental and physical, than at any time in recent years. Lectures and sermons have been given, conferences and camps have been conducted, best-selling books and articles have been written in numbers far exceeding anything that has been done in this field in the modern history of the Church. There has been a re-awakening of the Church's attention to this phase of its ministry which occupied such a prominent place in New Testament times but which had, to say the least, been partially neglected in modern times. The very number and variety of the voices that have been raised and of the things that have been written and spoken has tended to create questions in the thinking of many people.

### STUDY REVEALS CERTAIN SEEMINGLY CONTRADICTORY FACTS

People are being healed through unknown factors. Prayer and medical science have worked together in healing. There are cases where medical science has given up and healings have occurred. Much prayer has been made in cases where healing has not occurred. People have prayed and died when medical curative help was not used. People have depended on scientific help alone to the neglect of prayer. Any individual or movement who makes any promise of "divine healing" seems to command an immediate following in our day. This is true to such an extent that many rush to claim the promises of healing without ever questioning the relationship between the kind of faith that is being advocated and the true Christian faith of the New Testament. Unquestionable instances of apparently miraculous healing can be cited as the results of many kinds of faith or of no faith at all. This unquestioning rush for help from any and every kind of source we take to be an indication that we in the Church should re-examine our ministry with a view to determining wherein we may have neglected not merely to meet the needs of people, but also to do what we are commissioned to do. The observation has been made, and we think with considerable wisdom, that the need here being made manifest is deeper than a desire for physical healing and material well-being only. In an age when many had come to think of God as far away and coldly impersonal and perhaps unconcerned with the affairs of men, the promises of "divine healing" are being grasped as offering evidence by which we will be convinced again of a living God.

### THE ATTITUDE OF THE COMMITTEE—CERTAIN PRE-SUPPOSITIONS

Your committee has not interpreted its assignment to involve suggesting an authoritative statement for the General Assembly to adopt and "send down" to our people. We have hoped that together, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we might be able to suggest some considerations which would help us to see this phase of the church's ministry in relation to the whole work of the Church. We have sought to look at this ministry in relation to a faith which involves implicit trust in the sovereignty of the will of God in all things. We have sought to see in it relation to a faith which does not deny the reality of suffering, or of death as facts of human experience. Although we believe in health, mental, spiritual and physical, as a gift of God and seek to preserve it and restore it through care, hygiene, diet, carefulness against accidents, medical treatment and prayer, this does not mean to say that we deny the natural processes of aging and death, or that we believe that the coming of sickness and death defeat God's will for us. Our redemption is incomplete in this life. Yet although our redemption is never perfected in this world, we accept the gifts God gives us now as a pledge of that which is to be.

It is, therefore, the concern of your committee that this report should call our Church, pastors and people, to a re-examination of our ministry in the light of all the promises of Scripture.

### THE TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE IN REGARD TO SICKNESS, HEALING AND DEATH

A study of Christianity and health in the light of the Scriptures reveals that the Scriptures give no simple answer to many of the problems that are raised. The Scriptures teach, for example, that suffering is demonic, and the Scriptures also teach that

suffering is redemptive. The Scriptures teach that man is utterly dependent upon God and yet is a responsible, moral agent. The Scriptures teach that death is an enemy to be destroyed and that death constitutes the completion of the life and may be life's greatest fulfillment and affirmation.

### HEALING IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

But some things are quite clear. The Bible reveals that God is concerned with the whole nature of man. Our Lord Jesus Christ considered healing a part of His mission no less than preaching and teaching. He himself healed many persons. There is no rebuke of any person for seeking healing. When John the Baptist sent to Jesus with questions of doubt, his messengers were invited to tell John not only that the poor had the gospel preached to them, but also that spiritually, mentally and physically sick persons were being healed. Jesus instructed the disciples to heal as they went about proclaiming the Kingdom. This they did. This continued to be the practice of the Church of the New Testament after the Ascension. The New Testament has much to say about healing. These passages are to be interpreted according to the same canons of interpretation applied to the Bible as a whole. Nowhere in the New Testament is there an indication that the practice was intended to be temporary in the life of the Church.

### THE CONTINUED CONCERN OF THE CHURCH

The Church has continued its concern in this matter. As the New Testament calls upon Christians to use prayer and anointing with oil (which is taken to represent the medical treatment of that day) so the Church has been concerned to continue its ministry of healing. The development of hospitals and medical missions has had a large place in church history. Many of those who dedicate their lives to medicine and nursing receive their inspiration from the Church. We see that medical science and spiritual forces have worked in parallel lines and with equally Christian motivation. Although more publicity has been given to the place of prayer in healing in recent times, we are not to forget that the Church has never ceased to pray for the sick. The Church has always taught that all healing is from God.

### QUESTIONABLE INTERPRETATIONS RESULTING FROM CONCENTRATION ON ONLY ONE ASPECT OF HEALING

That the desire for healing has led to some interpretations of faith which find no support in the Scriptures cannot be denied. All such misinterpretations seem to be the result of following one aspect of scriptural teaching to the neglect of others. The desire to use "faith" to manipulate God and to bring Him to do our will, the refusal to pray "thy will be done" cannot be reconciled with the New Testament teaching on faith and man's relationship to God. Again we would call attention to the fact that the use of faith as a means to guarantee one's own personal "peace of mind" may, for example, be stressed to the neglect of the fact that men do claim to attain peace of mind by faith which is entirely unChristian, as in the Nirvana of atheistic Buddhism. Such an interpretation also may be stressed to the neglect of the fact that a man's relationship to God in Jesus Christ instead of guaranteeing relaxation and peacefulness may and sometimes does lead him to be disturbed and concerned about his own sinfulness and about the needs of the world in which he lives. Again, when success in business and worldly affairs is promised as a reward of faith in Christ, there is a tendency to forget that sometimes men have been exceedingly successful, from a worldly standpoint, precisely because they have neglected to take Christ into their business dealings, while others have been faced with the need to sacrifice some personal and worldly advantage for the sake of Christ.

### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SIN AND SICKNESS OFTEN DISTORTED

Your committee believes that attention should be called to the fact that the teaching of some of the modern healing movements that pain and disease are due to sin needs to be re-examined in the light of the teachings of Scripture and of actual experience. Specific sickness and/or injury may or may not be the result of the specific behaviour of the individual involved. It is true that if we are selfish and full of resentments and false pride, if we drive ourselves too hard and in a self-destructive way, if we are envious, jealous and filled with hatred, and if we give ourselves to excesses, all these things bring with them their own results. Even the sin of running away from life can aggravate fear which eventually turns into hatred and illness. Certainly human beings suffer also as the result of social sins over which they sometimes have no control. But

to say that each individual's suffering is in every instance the result of his own sin is to deny the scriptural teaching of the book of Job, or the words of our Lord spoken concerning the man born blind when He said, "It was not that this man sinned or his parents . . ." John 9:3.

### HEALING NOT SUPERIOR TO, BUT A PART OF, THE WHOLE GOSPEL MINISTRY

Again we need to keep in mind that the faith of the New Testament Church would not lift the faith that results in healing and place it over and above all the other ministries of the Church. In the first epistle to the Corinthians the apostle Paul lists the ministries of the Church: "First apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues." (12:28.) Lest we be tempted to lift one kind of ministry and give it a place of supreme importance to the neglect of others, let us remember this listing. Instead of suggesting, as the modern movements sometimes seem to, that here in the gift of healing we are in touch with the "real" power of Christ, Paul lists it with the others and brackets it, as has been pointed out, with helpers and administrators, as though to say that the work of a full-time secretary of a permanent committee, though perhaps less spectacular, is no less the Lord's work than is the ministry of healing.

### THE VALUE OF PRAYER GROUPS, AND THE DANGERS OF ISOLATION FROM PEOPLE IN NEED

One good result of this reawakened interest in the relationship of prayer and health has been the formation of prayer groups in many places. Let our pastors and people, however, be aware of the temptation which comes to some people in such groups to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think, thus introducing divisive elements within the church fellowship. Let us also be aware of the temptation to retreat into prayer groups as a refuge. With so much controversy and disturbance over questions concerning segregation, church union, politics, the social implications of the gospel, etc.; and in light of the fact that so much of the work which is necessary for the on-going of the Church both in the local congregation and in the Church's larger responsibilities is unspectacular everyday routine, some may succumb to the temptation to retire into quiet, contemplative groups and stay there. This is an unworthy use of prayer. Prayer should bear fruit in strength and courage to come forth "where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan." The healing taught in the New Testament is concerned with the whole man and in all his relationships.

### ALL HEALING OF GOD, WHETHER SPECTACULAR OR ORDINARY

We would further call attention to a popular conception which we believe to be in error which would limit the healing which comes from God to those instances where healing is sudden, spectacular and mysterious. We believe that it places a false limitation upon the power of God to say that if healing is mediated through the ministry of a physician or surgeon or psychiatrist, it is therefore less from God than healing which comes through less visible means. The vast majority of Christians today recognize in the advances of scientific medicine the open hand of a gracious God, and accept as from Him the ministrations of doctors and nurses. We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has, through devoted study, research and practice of doctors and nurses, done much of the healing of His people. These methods of healing which God has given us are not different or in opposition to what is commonly called "spiritual healing," but they should work parallel and hand in hand. By way of illustration: The American Cancer Society reports that approximately 75,000 persons who received scientific medical treatment were cured of cancer in 1954. Two times that many could have been cured, it is estimated, if they had received medical attention in the earlier stages of the cancer's development. Who would say that this is not a gift of God?

### THE NECESSITY OF USING ALL MEANS AT HAND FOR HEALING, MAKING NO HARD AND FAST DISTINCTION BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC AND SPIRITUAL

One of the results of the discoveries of science in our age is the sense of security which so many people find in the belief that we live in a reasonable order, that our lives are not at the mercy of caprice or of haphazard and totally unpredictable forces. Because this is true, and important, many are troubled at the thought of bringing prayer into the processes of healing. This seems to move healing out of the realm of cause and effect which can be examined and put to use, and to place it in the realm of personal whim. So that if a person happens to know about prayer, or happens to have someone who is interested enough to pray for him, he will receive the healing benefits of prayer; but if

he happens not to know about prayer or happens not to have any praying friends, then those benefits are denied him. This seems to leave health at the mercy of chance or whim. But is this any more true in the use of prayer than in the use of penicillin? If a person happens to know about penicillin or to know someone who knows about it, he can be treated by it and if he doesn't know about it, he cannot be treated by it. The promises of the Scriptures, the evidences of experience seem to show, and it is not unreasonable to believe, that prayer may be just as much one of the conditions through which God sends His healing as is penicillin or the surgical removal of a diseased organ. As the New Testament admonished the use of prayer and the anointing with oil which, as pointed out above, was a commonly used physical treatment of that day; so we believe we should use prayer and medical treatment, not as opposed to each other but working together. And this is not to say as some seem falsely to have concluded, that when healing does not come after prayer, such failure is necessarily the result of lack of faith or of the ineffectiveness of prayer. If this were true, it would then follow that every healthy-bodied individual is of necessity more faithful than, say, the apostle Paul who again and again and again prayed that he might be delivered from the thorn in his flesh but who learned, by the grace of God, the lesson of power that grows out of weakness. "For the sake of Christ then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong." (II Cor. 12:10.) Even suffering and death do not defeat the will of God for His children. For suffering may become a redemptive element by which life is affirmed, God is glorified, and death is swallowed up in victory.

### LOVE THE BASIS FOR ALL MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL

Finally, let us in the Church be reminded that as the apostle listed the gifts of those who serve in the Church: apostles, prophets, teachers, healers and the others, he also went beyond that to say: "Yet I show you a more excellent way." And that was the introduction to his great statement on Christian love. As Sir George McLeod of the Iona Community has observed, "More important than any of these ministries, taken by themselves, is the ministry of love. 'A more excellent path' than any one of them is the costly practice of the Christian Fellowship, the ongoing work of the Christian congregation in suffering long and being kind, in envying not, in thinking no evil, in rejoicing in the truth. It is this love that never fails, this corporate ministry that is the real healing power; superior to preaching, prophecy, miracles and healers." (*The Oracle*, Oct. 1954, page 15.) And this "more excellent way" is not a special and separated ministry but should pervade all that the Church does in its preaching, its teaching and its serving.

The thinking together of your committee on this subject brought us to face a fact which we had before expected would be true, viz: that there is more involved here than should be concluded by the work of one year. We, therefore, present this introductory statement in the sincere conviction that the importance of this question indicates that continued consideration be given to some means for keeping our church aware of this phase of our ministry.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF THIS REPORT

1. Careful study by the Session to stimulate interest and, where possible, to formulate principles for guidance of the local congregation.
2. Small group study of the report. For example: Prayer meetings; Church School classes; small groups of ministers, laymen, physicians and psychiatrists. Opportunity for discussion should be given. Reports from such groups would be of great value to the Assembly's Committee.
3. Congregational distribution and reading of this report: Followed by a sermon from the Pastor on the Church's responsibility to the sick. This may result in re-examination of the local church's present ministry to the physically and mentally ill, and the development of an adequate program to meet their need for love, understanding, companionship, financial aid, and the general undergirding of the Christian Fellowship.
4. Bible studies, under the guidance of the Pastor, of the New Testament record in particular on healing, both mental and physical, with emphasis upon such questions as: Were people healed by faith of by Christ, or a combination of both? What

was the primary purpose of the healing ministry of Christ? What was the relationship between sin and illness in the New Testament record?

5. A study of prayer as set forth in the Scripture, with particular reference to the relation of prayer to Healing and Health.
6. A study of the Church's healing ministry down through the ages and currently through its hospitals both at home and abroad, etc. A consideration also of wherein the true loving fellowship of the Church provides both preventive and healing ministry.
7. A study of the individual church's responsibility for the total healing ministry of individuals committed to its care.
8. Optional program for Women of the Church, Men of the Church, or Young Adults. For example, three persons might present (1) the Statement of Affirmation, (2) the first half of the 1955 Report, and (3) the second half of the 1955 Report in their own words, to be followed by discussion.

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## 3. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

The General Assembly placed in the hands of this committee a gigantic problem, the final solution to which would seem to demand superhuman wisdom. From the very beginning of our study, it was evident that no revision of our present teaching on marriage, divorce and remarriage could be devised which would satisfy all schools of thought regarding the subject. But that revision was deemed necessary by the Church is clear in the light of the fact that the question has been posed again and again in successive Assemblies since the year 1898.

Furthermore, it is open knowledge that many of our ministers have felt so deeply on the subject that they have been overlooking the law of the Church and acting in the light of considerations other than those sanctioned by our official standards. The problem was made even more difficult by the fact that a carefully worked out revision of our present teaching was presented to the Church two years ago and rejected by presbytery vote. We were faced by the dilemma that the Church demands revision, but no acceptable revision seemed possible.

After careful consideration of the question during the first year of our study we could find no common mind. In the hope of finding some clue to our search which we had overlooked, we turned to the biblical and theological professors in our four seminaries, requesting them to make a study of the question and submit to us their findings. These men graciously responded to our request, for which we as a committee, and we believe you as an Assembly, are most grateful. But we discovered the same differences of opinion running through their studies as we had already faced, and it was quite apparent that they had reached no common judgment.

Your committee, therefore, was finally forced to the conclusion that we could not hope to solve the problem committed to us, and that the most we could hope for was to resolve a situation. We are presenting, therefore, the results of our group thinking, and offering them to the General Assembly in the hope that these results may offer a temporary working agreement to be followed until such time as the Holy Spirit speaks a clearer word to the Church.

### THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM

The complexity of the problem with which we were faced is deepened by its interrelations with other problems which are basic to the faith and life of the Church. It seemed to us again and again that the doctrine of marriage was related to other features of the Church's concern like the intricate wheels in a clock. To touch it was to touch all. Some of these are as follows:

1) The relation of the question of marriage to the larger question of the basis for authority in ethical decisions. The very wording of the Assembly's charge to the committee poses this problem. We were charged with the task of considering "the entire

matter from the point of view of Holy Scripture and the needs of our communicants." This raises the question whether "the needs of our communicants" is a proper basis for developing doctrine, or whether the statement of the Confession that "in all controversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto" the Scriptures is to abide as the sole basis of doctrinal formulation. Added to this is the like question whether, even if the Bible is the sole basis for authority, specific ethical guidance is to be found in Scripture, or whether the Bible merely lays down certain broad principles, or perhaps even just the demand for Christian love in every human situation, leaving the Church to work out its specific applications in each instance in the light of the leadership of the Holy Spirit at the time.

2) The relation of the Church to marriage? Protestantism has denied that marriage is a sacrament, yet has maintained a procedure which very definitely involves the Church in marriage. In so doing, the Church is under the necessity of passing judgment on the fitness of the contracting parties for marriage. This is the crux of our problem. Since our Confession states that "it is lawful for all sorts of people to marry who are able with judgment to give their consent," thus recognizing the validity of civil marriage outside the Church, does the Church hold the power of the keys in determining who should, or should not, be married? Does the Church rightfully legislate in a realm which is universally applicable to man as man and not merely to man in the Church? Inasmuch as the Church does not actually make the marriage, since marriages outside the Church are valid, should the Church participate in marriage at all, or should she merely bear witness to the Christian meaning of marriage, leaving to the individual Christian conscience liberty to make the application in each instance?

3) The relation of marriage problems to the whole question of discipline in the Church. Our Confession of Faith is clear as to the necessity of the exercise of discipline. Yet, in spite of this, it is infrequently administered. To maintain the present teaching of the Confession of Faith as to marriage necessitates constant discipline at this level while, at the same time, other well-known areas of deviation from Christian standards are overlooked. Is the present teaching of the Confession at this point satisfactory to the Church, or is the judgment of some that it is the Church's function solely to bear witness to the truth and not to censure, to be preferred? It is not within the province of this committee to answer this question, but it is brought to sharp focus in relation to the Church's action regarding deviations from the Christian intention of marriage. The Church must face squarely the larger question of the disciplinary principle before the question of its application to the realm of marriage can well be answered.

4) The relation of the Church to the State in marriage. The Church is at present in the anomalous position of having its ministers act as officers of the state in marriage. It is not the clergyman's action as a churchman which makes the marriage valid for the State, for should the Church marry without the authorization of the State, the State would adjudge the marriage null and void. Furthermore, the State, save in those states where a clergyman is required by law to perform the ceremony, marries people without the consent or aid of the Church. The legality of the marriage, therefore, is solely a civil affair, resting entirely upon the authority of the State. In every realm but marriage, we have stood for the separation of Church and State. Why should ministers, therefore, become officers of the State in this one realm alone? The anomalousness of the situation is heightened by the fact that ministers act as officers of the State in marriage, but have no authority and are asked for no advice when the State dissolves marriage through divorce. If marriage is a civil affair, should not the Church turn it over to the state, as she does all other civil concerns, meanwhile bearing constant witness to her members as to the relation of the Christian faith to marriage, just as she does with regard to voting, civic responsibility, etc?

5) The relation of marriage failures to the Church's failure to discharge its theological responsibility of instructing people in the Christian nature of marriage. The fact that so many of our Christian people are confronting us with the problem of divorce and remarriage is eloquent witness to the fact that the Church has failed heretofore in leading people to a solid Christian basis for marriage. In the light of the Church's failure at this point, what is the Church's relation to couples who, ofttimes through our negligence and abdication of theological responsibility, have missed the way in marriage? Is it not ethically questionable whether the Church has the right to censure for failures for which she is in part, at least, responsible?

6) The relation of the Church to culture. The Church is not of the world, but it is in the world, and is under the necessity of working out her faith in the light of the social order around her. As with questions of race, alcoholism, economic and social problems, so with marriage, the Church is always under the necessity of facing the question of how far she must adjust her action to the failures of sinful men to attain the divine intention. The Church's witness is always to the divine intention, to the standards of the kingdom which are the standards of Christ, the King of the Kingdom. But when members of the Church fail to embody the divine intention because they are conditioned by the cultural factors of their environment, what is the proper role of the Church in relation to these cultural lags?

Subtle and puzzling questions such as these are so interwoven with the question of marriage, divorce and remarriage that your committee felt at a loss to propose a satisfactory solution to our problem.

Your committee became more and more cognizant of the dilemma which the Church faces in this question. On the one hand, legalism and censoriousness must be avoided by Christian love and forgiveness and the tenderness of Christ. On the other hand, sentimentality and the corruption of the human heart must be corrected by the hard demands of the Gospel and the stern realities of God's law and holiness. Pharisaism, on the one hand, and sanctioning the modern trend toward temporary marriage on the other, are alike disastrous. The Church can accept no law but the law of Christ, nor can she ever be found witnessing to anything less than the highest divine intention for men in every realm. And yet, while bearing this witness, the Church must deal realistically and sympathetically with those who have been overtaken in faults and submerged by cultural pressures and personal sins. The great concern is that in dealing with breaches of the divine intention, the Church shall act in such a way that men shall be pointed more clearly toward the goal of achieving the divine standard instead of being lulled into an easy acceptance of marriage ideas which express the standards of the kingdoms of this world rather than the Kingdom of God.

After long deliberation, your committee felt led to bring in a report which would present the areas in which we believe nearly everyone in our Church to be in agreement; then to state the area of disagreement; and finally to present some recommendations which may serve to resolve the situation for the present, until the Holy Spirit, in His mercy, grants clearer guidance to the Church. (The committee is well aware that many individuals are quite convinced that the Holy Spirit has led them to their position. But the Spirit does not seem to be speaking to the entire Church with a clear and overwhelming word. It is that we must await!)

### AREAS OF AGREEMENT

1) The divine intention for marriage, as set forth in the Scriptures, is the one-flesh union of one man and one woman so long as they both shall live. In the Bible, marriage is a commitment of one life to another which rests ultimately not on romantic love but on fidelity to a relationship freely entered into for life. In setting forth the divine intention the Bible allows no place for divorce and remarriage for any reason. (See Addendum). "Between two people confessing Christ and serving Him in the Spirit, divorce is unthinkable, and neither Christ nor Paul contemplates it."

2) The apostolic injunction to marry "only in the Lord" should be proclaimed without apology and impressed upon our young people by every possible means. This is none other than to quicken the thought and obedience of our people to the present statement in the Confession of Faith that "it is the duty of Christians to marry only in the Lord. And, therefore, such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with infidels, Romanists, or any idolaters; neither should such as are godly be unequally yoked, by marrying with such as are notoriously wicked in their life, or maintain dangerous heresies."

3) The Church and the home should do all in their power to inculcate youth with the divine intention in marriage before they marry, and preferably before they become involved with prospective mates. Brief premarital counseling after young people have courted, fallen in love, and become engaged, is too slight and too late to achieve its ends if the couple involved have not come to that hour through a course based on Christian conviction. Pulpit, Sunday School, Youth meetings, Summer Conferences, Study Groups, Literature—all the resources of these and other channels should be used to confront our

young people with the Christian meaning of marriage in early adolescence, in order to combat with all the power at our command the popular idea that marriage is a mere contract which may be broken at will by the consent of the parties and that, should the marriage not prove happy, divorce with the possibility of remarriage is an honorable and easy way out. As society makes divorce and remarriage more and more easy and socially acceptable, the Church must, as did the Apostolic Church in a degenerate pagan society with easy divorce standards quite like our own, insist all the more for her own people on the divine intention of the indissolubility of marriage, save by death.

4) The function of the minister in legalizing marriage for the State places the Church in an anomalous position vis-a-vis the State at this point. Your committee can find no specific scriptural basis for the part the Church now plays in consummating a marriage. We cannot find that either prophet, priest, rabbi or apostle, performed marriages. Ancient weddings were, of course, frequently accompanied by ceremonies with religious significance, at which religious leaders may have been present, as Jesus was present at the wedding in Cana. But we have found no evidence that the legality of the wedding depended on either their presence or participation. The question poses itself whether the part the Church now plays in weddings is a mere continuation of a custom developed in the Roman Church, and whether, when the Reformers denied that marriage was a sacrament, they should have reconsidered also the whole relation of the Church to marriages. In any case, in a society organized as at present, when the legality of marriage is solely dependent on the State, it seems worthy of consideration whether it would not be better for the Church to remove itself from the role of determining fitness for marriage, and of performing legal ceremonies for the State, and reserve its function to seeking God's mercy and benediction on what a couple and the State have decided. In this way, some of the insoluble ethical decisions faced by the Church might be obviated, and the Church left more free to bear her witness to the meaning of Christian marriage without the inconsistencies in practice which now prevail.

5) The Christian minister should not give the blessing of the Church to any marriage where there is not the clear intention to found a Christian home. At this point, the action of our ministers should be brought into accord with the teaching of the Confession of Faith set forth in No. 2 above. The Christian view of marriage cannot be made appealing to the natural man. Men must become members of the "new order" in which Jesus reigns as Lord before Christian marriage can have any meaning for them. It is only on these terms that Christian ministers should officiate at weddings.

6) Situations may, and sometimes do, arise in marriage which compel the separation, temporary or permanent, between husband and wife. The Bible envisages the possibility of extreme cases of this sort, where separation is the lesser of two evils, but this is to be considered a concession to the weakness and sinfulness of man, and not an ideal solution.

### AREA OF DISAGREEMENT

Disagreement arises at the point of what the Church should do when those who have failed to fulfill the divine intention in marriage present themselves for remarriage following divorce.

The present teaching of our Confession of Faith which allows remarriage following divorce for "adultery," or such willful desertion as can no way be remedied by the church or civil magistrate," seems to be unsatisfactory on two grounds. First, there has been unrest in the Church over this section of the Confession at least since 1928, culminating in the action of the General Assembly of 1945 requesting a study which would recommend "changes in these laws that the Committee, after such study, may deem wise and proper." Secondly, recent biblical study voices almost unanimous judgment that the biblical basis for these two exceptions is not valid. (See Addendum). Some change, therefore, would seem to be demanded.

But when change is contemplated, it seems impossible to come to any common mind as to what the nature of the change should be. Trained scholars, earnest and sincere, studying the same Bible and prayerfully seeking the guidance of the same Holy Spirit, have come to widely differing conclusions.

While there is considerable individual variation with regard to specific aspects of the whole complex problem, two general trends are apparent. One group, basing their judgment on the total biblical teaching on marriage, as well as on the specific words of Jesus and Paul, feel that if the doctrine of the Church is to be based on the Bible alone,

it must bear consistent witness to the fact that marriage is indissoluble on any grounds save death. In the light of this, the Church can never bless the remarriage of divorced persons, so long as their first partners live.

Others, basing their judgment on the opinion that the Bible does not offer specific ethical guidance at this point, and that the spirit and total teachings of our Lord, as well as the practical realities of life and the demands of Christian justice brand the above view as literalistic and legalistic, hold with strong conviction that the Christian doctrine of forgiveness implies that repentance for past failure and the Christian intention to make a new union succeed, are justifiable grounds for the remarriage of divorced persons.

It is evident that no statement regarding the remarriage of divorced persons can be satisfactory to both these groups. If the present statement is unsatisfactory, and no satisfactory substitute can at present be found, your committee could see no other way out of the dilemma than by offering hopefully and prayerfully, the following recommendations:

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1) That Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith be entitled "Of Marriage," and that paragraphs V and VI of Chapter XXVI of the Confession of Faith be deleted, thus making the Confession of Faith bear witness to the divine intention for marriage as set forth in the Bible, without any exception.

2) That the Church, especially its teachers and pastors, enter a prolonged and prayerful period of study, seeking to determine what the role of the Church in marriage should be.

3) That as the will of God regarding divorce and remarriage is made clearer to the Church as a whole, a statement on that subject in our standards may then be made in conformity with the fuller revelation of the mind of Christ.

4) That the following recommendation be approved by the Assembly and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Book of Church order for inclusion in substance in their proposed revisions:—It is advisable for the Session of each church, in the light of the Session's responsibility for the spiritual oversight of the members of the congregation as set forth in Paragraph 65 of the Book of Church Order, to appoint a committee to examine those members who seek to enter a marriage in which either party has previously been divorced, and, in conference with the pastor, to determine their eligibility for remarriage. Pastors may also seek the advice of this committee in cases involving those who are not members of their congregation. The committee should seek to determine such things as the recognition of responsibility for the failure of the former marriage, true penitence for this failure, true forgiveness of the former partner, an understanding of the Christian meaning of marriage, the intention of making the new venture in dependence on Christ, and the sincere purpose to root the new family relationship in faithful participation in the worship and life of the church.

5) That Overture 26 from the Presbytery of Dallas to the General Assembly of 1954 be answered as follows:—In the judgment of this committee, a minister should not perform any marriage where there is not a clear intention to establish a Christian home. Whether this involves actual membership in "some true Christian Church" should be left to the discretion of the minister.

6) With regard to the question of common law marriage, which the General Assembly committed to us for study, it is the judgment of this committee that in the light of Scripture, what constitutes marriage is neither the act of the State nor of the Church, but the mutual consent of the parties to live together as man and wife. Therefore, in the sight of God, a common law marriage is a valid marriage. Nevertheless, in the light of the Christian's obligations as a citizen, he should obey the laws that now govern marriage in the state where he lives.

7) That the communication from the Presbytery of Atlanta to the General Assembly of 1954 regarding the preparation of an official booklet on marriage carrying such a title as "The Assembly's Counsel on Marriage" be answered with the recommendation that no action be taken.

### ADDENDUM

There is in Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 the so-called "exceptive clause" which reads "except for unchastity." Many have argued that this gives biblical sanction for

remarriage of the innocent party after divorce on the grounds of adultery. Such an interpretation is now almost universally denied. Even those few who accept these as genuine words of Jesus, disagree among themselves as to whether they permit remarriage after divorce for adultery, or whether they merely allow divorce without remarriage.

But the majority of New Testament scholars are strongly convinced that these words form no part of Jesus' teaching, for the following reasons: 1) They are quite out of accord with Jesus' teaching in Mark 10:11 and Luke 16:18, where remarriage after divorce is absolutely forbidden. Furthermore, Paul in I Corinthians 7:10, 11, bears out the teaching of Mark and Luke by making no exception for adultery. Both Mark and Paul wrote earlier than Matthew, and it is quite possible that Luke also pre-dated Matthew. The earlier records, therefore, especially in the light of their consistency with each other, are likely more truly a reflection of the mind of our Lord than is the Matthean exception. Besides, if Jesus actually allowed remarriage after divorce, Mark, Luke and Paul were misrepresenting Him by omitting this permission. On the basis of the fact that there was no reason why Mark, Luke and Paul would have omitted this exception if Jesus actually made it and that there is reason why the exception could have been an addition to the text made by some scribe seeking to soften the rigorous teaching of Jesus, it is, therefore, likely that the Matthean exception is a modification of Jesus' intention.

2) The Matthean exception is really inconsistent with the context of the passage from which it comes in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus has been showing how the law of His Kingdom transcends the law of Moses. Moses said, "You shall not kill," whereas Jesus said that one should not be "angry with his brother." Moses said "You shall not commit adultery," whereas Jesus said that one should not look "at a woman lustfully." His third illustration of how the law of His Kingdom transcended that of the former law was in the realm of marriage. Now, if He permitted remarriage after divorce on grounds of adultery, His law did not transcend the law of Moses at this point at all, for this was already permitted and practiced by that law. The exception clause, therefore, is really inconsistent with the sweep of thought of the whole passage.

3) There were two schools of thought in the Judaism of Jesus' day. One was that of Shammai, who insisted that adultery was the only valid ground for divorce. The other was that of Hillel, who permitted divorce for every cause. If the Matthean exception is valid, then Jesus, as was noted above, was introducing no revolutionary teaching, but was merely siding with one school of Jewish thought on this question. It was not Jesus' custom to become an arbiter between opposing schools of thought, but to raise them both to a higher level. Furthermore, if He had merely sided with the school of Shammai on this question, why were the disciples so amazed at His answer, as Matthew 19:10 records? Said they: "If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry." If Jesus' reply had permitted remarriage following adultery, and the disciples had expressed surprise at this and indulged the opinion that if a man can get rid of his wife only for adultery and for no other cause, then it would have meant that they were unwilling to come up even to the level of one of the prevailing schools of Jewish thought. Is it possible that after their intimate association with Jesus and their confession of Him as their Messiah that in this matter they could have come below Jews who did not believe in Jesus? Surely this seems to be an impossibility.

It is therefore, on every ground, likely that the Matthean exception does not reflect what Jesus said, and is to be rejected as a basis for formulating Christian doctrine.

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## 4. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON A BIBLICAL STUDY OF THE POSITION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

### I. INTRODUCTION

Two overtures bearing on the position of women in the Church of today were presented to the 95th General Assembly, meeting in Richmond, Virginia, June 2-7, 1955.

These overtures, number (58) "The Presbytery of Suwannee respectfully overtures the General Assembly to give an *in thesi* deliverance on the question of women speaking in Church courts—to the end that discussion on such subject be brought to an end and that all resolutions now before the General Assembly be held in abeyance until this *in thesi* deliverance be made."; and number (69) "The Presbytery of Granville respectfully overtures the General Assembly to take the proper and necessary steps to amend *The Book of Church Order* to provide for the eligibility of women to hold the offices of Ruling Elder and Deacon in the congregations of the Presbyterian Churches in the United States on a permissive basis.", were referred to the Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures. The Standing Committee on Bills and Overtures recommended, "that these be referred to an ad interim committee of five, to be appointed by the Moderator, to do thorough Biblical study of both issues involved. Without such study we do not feel an opinion can be reached by the Church." (G. A. Minutes, 1955, p. 51). The Moderator appointed the "Ad Interim Committee to Make a Thorough Biblical Study of the Position of Women in the Church." The committee is composed of Rev. Edward G. Lilly of Hartsville, S.C., Chairman; Rev. James E. Bear of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Manford George Gutzke of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Rev. Lewis B. Schenck of Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.; and Mrs. A. Walton Litz of Little Rock, Arkansas. The Committee met in Charlotte, N.C. on November 25, 1955 and in Atlanta, Ga. January 9, 1956.

### II. BACKGROUND

The committee is charged with the specific duty to study the general question of the position of women in the Church according to the Scriptures and to consider the overtures referred to it. Questions dealing with certain phases of woman's positions and activities have been studied previously by committees and by General Assemblies. (Minutes of the General Assembly 1880, 1891, 1910, 1915, 1916, 1926, etc.) The fact that the question has been reopened shows that many in the Church are not satisfied with the conclusions reached previously.

We do not interpret our study to be limited to the discovery of the position of women in the Church during Bible times as revealed in God's Word. But we feel that with this material as background, we should seek to view the Church of today and endeavor to interpret the teaching of the Bible and the Holy Spirit as it applies to the place and part of women in the public worship services and government of the Church of our day.

The question referred to us is not whether or not our Church wishes to place women in certain positions. We feel that there is a responsibility to re-examine the full topic, even though the specific question for special study might be stated as follows: "According to the Bible, what place or part may women have in the public services of the Christian Church and in the official government of the Church."

The rules of Church government and practice are often outgrowths of helpful and fruitful customs which have arisen in the Church's life and work.

It would be a mistake to try to obtain any correct interpretation of the teaching of God's Word on this matter without some associated study of the experience and practice of the Church as led by the Holy Spirit.

### OUR FINDINGS ON THE BIBLE TEACHING ON THE PLACE OF WOMEN IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. Two passages in particular, namely, "Let your women keep silence in the Churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church," (I Cor. 14:34, 35), and "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence." (I Tim. 2:11, 12) seem to demand that women take no vocal part in the leadership or worship of the Church, *if* these verses are taken as setting forth a *rule* which is *permanent* and *without exception.*

2. On the other hand, the Bible shows that at least a few women did occupy positions of leadership among God's people. Outstanding among these in the Old Testament are Deborah, "a prophetess" who "judged Israel" (Judges 4:4); and Huldah the prophetess, whose advice from God was sought by Hilkiah the priest (II Kings 22:14ff.). In the New Testament, Phoebe was a deacon (diakonon) of the Church of Cenchreae (Rom. 16:1). The title applied to her is the same as that given the deacons, (Phil. 1:1 and I Tim. 3:8). Priscilla and her husband instructed a learned preacher, Apollos, "expounding to him the way of God more accurately" (Acts 18:26). The four daughters of Philip "prophesied," and there is no record of Paul's rebuking them, (Acts 21:9). In fact, this gift of prophesying (or speaking for God) was promised to women in the Old Testament (Joel 2:28). Peter declared that this prophecy was fulfilled in the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:17). In I Cor. 11:5 women are spoken of as "praying and prophesying" in public worship, and Paul gives directions to be observed by them while so doing them.

To such definite passages may be added those which set forth the general equality of men and women in the Body of Christ. Paul himself stated "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). In Acts 2:17, 18 it is definitely said that both men and women share the "gifts of the Spirit," and nowhere in the New Testament is it said that the "gifts of the Spirit," given to the Body of Christ, are limited to the male sex (e.g. I Cor. 12:4ff.).

Here then is the crux of the problem. On the one hand, the passages noted above (I Cor. 14:34, 35 and I Tim. 2:11, 12) if taken as *rules* for God's people which are *permanent* and *without exception* would seem to bar women, as women, from teaching or exercising authority among God's people. In the past, taking these statements to be a rule without exception caused the Church to bar women from these types of service in the Church.

On the other hand, the Bible declares that gifts of teaching and authority were given to certain women by God. The inevitable inference, therefore, is that such gifts to women, as women, are not out of accord with God's order of creation or His divine order for the Church. *God is His own interpreter.*

### OUR LINES OF CONSIDERATION

1. Our solution must be found in accord with the principle stated in the Confession of Faith, (Ch. I, sec. 9): "The infallible rule of interpretation of Scripture is the Scripture itself; and therefore, when there is a question about the true and full sense of any Scripture, (which is not manifold, but one,) it may be searched and known by other places that speak more clearly."

2. We find it clearly and unmistakably stated in Scripture that God endowed at least some women for leadership among His people in Bible days. The promise of Acts 2:17 is for the Church. Therefore, we conclude that what God has done, and has promised to do (Acts 2:17) may be done in our own day. God may endow women for service in His Church today. Whom He will call, and how many, and when and where, we do not know. Only the Holy Spirit can say. We would infer, however, that the manner of calling women into service would be similar to that by which He has called men into His service.

3. We are considering the position of women in the Church. It is well to ask, "What is *the Church?*" In this connection, many are prone to think of it as a local organization having a pastor, elders and deacons and members. Such marks a church may have, but our *Confession of Faith* is closer to the New Testament when it declares (Ch. XXV, Sec. 2) "The visible church . . . consists of all those . . . that profess the true religion together with their children. . . ." This is the Family of God. This is the Body of Christ. The question is, "In this *Body of Christ,* is the Holy Spirit calling women to positions of leadership and authority?" As we will point out shortly, women are today filling positions of authority in our Southern Presbyterian Church, and are exercising the gifts of spiritual teaching. Their exercise of authority is not limited to power over just women and children any more than their teaching is so limited. That is, women in our Church are not just guiding and teaching children, or other women, but all of us are blessed by their work.

4. It has been the tradition of our Church, however, that women should not be elected elders or deacons. The scriptural basis for this tradition finds its strongest statement in

the two passages referred to above (I Cor. 14:34, 35) "The women should keep silence in the churches," and I Tim. 2:11, 12 ". . . I permit no woman to teach, or to have authority over men. . . .") (R.S.V.) These rules have been taken by many as *without exception* and *permanently binding* on God's people.

a. Can we say that it is in accord with God's will that, *without exception* women must be quiet among the people of God, and that they must not teach or exercise authority among His people? Some may say if they wish, "God usually calls men to positions of leadership" (yet the Bible does not say so). But the Bible does say that He has called *some women.* The "rule" (if it is one) is not without exception. God has called some women in the past. Will He do so today? Let us seek to avoid being in the position of making rules for our Church which would prevent the Holy Spirit calling to service those whom He desires.

b. Are these words of Paul *permanently binding* upon the Church? Scripture records *changes in leadership procedures* as God's people live in changing circumstances. New ways of doing the same things are adopted to meet new conditions. Let us examine some examples of this.

EXODUS 18:13-26 When Moses undertook the responsibility of leading Israel out of Egypt, his brother Aaron was designated as his assistant and fellow worker. Nothing was then said about any other men who would share in the task of leadership. When the need developed, it was first pointed out by Jethro, then recognized by Moses. Part of the total task was delegated to appointed assistants whom we call elders. Such an arrangement was new, not included in the original pattern, but neither was it contrary to what had been the procedure before.

I SAMUEL 8:4-9 When the elders of Israel requested Samuel to make them a king to rule over them, they were proposing a radical change in leadership procedure. Samuel was personally displeased with the request, but God told him to "hearken unto the voice of the people." Despite the unsound motivation, the request was genuine and the idea was apparently practical. God told Samuel to grant the request, to set up the new procedure, and to help it in every way to work out successfully. The pattern of having a King was a new and different way of doing the same thing which had been the practice before under different circumstances.

ACTS 6:1-8 Our Lord Jesus had chosen twelve apostles to serve Him in the ministry of instruction and the leadership of the believers. He made no mention of deacons. Changing circumstances presented a new need in the Early Church. Peter humbly and wisely supervised the appointment of a new order of Church leaders: the deacons. Verse 7 shows that the new arrangement was effectual and blessed by God. It was a new and different way of doing, designed to meet new and different circumstances, but it was not contrary to what had been done before.

In each of these instances the challenge to establish a new procedure arose out of the practical situation and was brought to the attention of those responsible by others actually feeling the need. It is a tribute to the humility of the responsible leaders that they proceeded under God to adopt the new way of doing things in order that the work under their care might not be hindered. The form of the new method was not taken from precedent, nor was it revealed in any private fashion, but was fashioned by the actual conditions prevailing at the time.

The three instances cited above each involve the judgment of individual persons, namely, Moses, Samuel, Peter. Scripture presents an account of a similar decision made by a *group* of God's people, acting corporately.

ACTS 15:1-35 During the earthly ministry of our Lord, no Gentile had been included among the Apostles. Apparently no Gentile was present at Pentecost. When Peter preached the Gospel in the house of Cornelius something new and different occurred, for Gentiles were received by faith only. Later on, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Paul and Barnabas, and others, had journeyed through Gentile lands preaching the Gospel, and making disciples. In the past, the fellowship of believers had consisted of only those who had been circumcised. To some zealous persons it seemed that therefore all the new converts from the Gentiles should submit to being circumcised. Others such as Paul and Barnabas felt circumcision was unnecessary in the case of Gentiles. To settle this question the Church Council met in Jerusalem.

It is illuminating to note the procedure of that meeting. Peter, a well-known respected church leader of wide experience and proven authority, testified that he had

seen God bless a Gentile, being yet uncircumcised. The circumstances surrounding the incident were unique and clearly indicated all was in God's will.

Paul and Barnabas, two well-known competent missionaries of proven spiritual power, testified that God had richly blessed their ministry among Gentiles, so that by now a multitude of Gentiles believed the Gospel, and manifested the gifts of the Spirit. God had obviously endorsed the procedure of receiving Gentiles as such, without circumcision.

James, a well-known trusted leader in the Church, expounded the Scriptures to show that nothing in God's word prohibited the calling of the Gentiles, but rather "to this agree the words of the prophets."

Thus confronted by the evidence of God's own guidance and approval, in actual experience and revelation, the Church was "pleased" to authorize the policy, to guide the future practice, of accepting Gentiles as such into the fellowship. There seems no reasonable doubt that in the history of God's people in Bible times, local and temporal circumstances had a direct bearing on the form of procedure, and the mode of practice employed. Changes in circumstances invariably led to changes in custom and policy, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God.

5. From our study of the Bible we are led to believe that the Holy Spirit will progressively lead God's people into a new understanding of the practice of the will of God, This is the promise of Jesus (John 16:12-14).

a. We believe that the Church has experienced His leading, and this guidance is seen in things like the following:

(1) We no longer follow the practice of the early Church, (and Paul's command in I Thess. 5:26, II Cor. 13:12) "and greet one another with a holy kiss." Nor do we wash one another's feet in accord with the word of Christ (John 13:14). We seek to preserve the principle of loving fellowship and humble service, but we do not observe the actual letter of the deed.

(2) Coming closer to our own day, we no longer argue that human slavery is justified by the Bible, and in accord with God's will. Some of our grandfathers did so argue, declaring that slavery was God's permanent institution. Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, we have come to a different understanding on this subject. We see that the Bible passages they quoted were not kept by them in the larger context of the Bible as a whole.

b. We believe that the Holy Spirit is *leading us today* into a new understanding of the place of women in the Church. As evidence of this guidance we mention a few of the steps which have been taken by our Church and blessed by God.

(1) Women speak and vote in the congregational meetings of our Church.

(2) Women serve as Church School teachers, Bible teachers, Directors of Christian Education, and as Professors in some of our Church Schools and the Assembly's Training School. In their work they teach both men and women students.

(3) Women serve on many of the important committees of the local Church, presbytery and synod.

(4) Women serve on all of the Boards of our Church, (World Missions, Church Extension, etc.), where they have a voice and a vote in directing the affairs of our Church which have to do with men as well as women.

(5) Women are in the *majority* in all of our Missions on our mission fields. These Missions direct the work on the field as does a presbytery at home. Women have a full voice and vote in all of the affairs of the Mission, playing an important part in directing the total work of our Church under its control. (They have no corresponding place in the home Church.)

(6) Some of our pastors welcome these women missionaries into their churches when they are home on furlough, for they are eager for the people to know what *God is doing in the world*. Others, because of loyalty to the tradition of our Church, deny their congregations the opportunity of hearing these tell what God is doing. God is blessing our mission work, carried on by a host of devoted women as well as men who have been called by the Spirit, we believe, to do this work. Let us rejoice that the Church has heeded the call of the Spirit, and has commissioned these women to this work.

### WHAT SHOULD WE DO IN THIS SITUATION?

1. If, on the one hand, we hold to the traditional position of our Church, that women must keep silence, and not teach or have dominion over man, then in all consistency we

should forbid women to speak or vote in congregational meetings. This is especially true since women, on the average, outnumber the men in a congregational meeting, therefore their vote will be exercising the *decisive* authority. There should be no women on our Church Boards. Women missionaries on the field should be denied voice and vote in the Mission Meetings. The question before us is not just whether women should be elected elders or deacons. The question is, "What is God's will for women in His Church?" If the traditional position is to be taken as the will of God, then we should order our Church life accordingly.

2. On the other hand, as we have pointed out, Jesus Himself promised His followers that the Holy Spirit would lead them into a deeper understanding of truth (John 14:26, 16:12-14). They relied upon His practical guidance in the early Church. The Apostles felt they were following the Spirit's guidance when they directed the election of the "seven Deacons."

Peter trusted the guidance of the Holy Spirit when he went to the house of Cornelius, and then baptized him (Acts 10:19, 11:12-18). The Church, seeking to formulate a policy to guide future procedure in respect to the Gentiles, met at Jerusalem to hear those who from experience could tell them "what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles through them" (Acts 15:12). The Church accepted this story of God's blessing on the Gentiles as a guide for their action in the future. This new policy, they declared, seemed good not only to them, but to the Holy Spirit (Acts 15:28). Thus did the Holy Spirit in those days lead them into new ways of doing things.

We believe that the Holy Spirit has continued to work in His Church. Throughout history new forms of service have been devised under what we believe to have been His guidance, (such as the Sunday School movement and the modern Missionary movement) in which Christians, men and women, could minister to their generation. Among these, we are convinced that the larger sphere of usefulness open to women today is in line with His leading. Many denominations and Communions throughout the world, recognizing the development which has guided women into all kinds of professions and many types of service in society and the Church, and, believing this to be a gradual development of the Christian viewpoint of mankind, have changed their policies in regard to the service of women in the Church. The following examples are only a few among many which might be cited.

The eldership of the English Presbyterian Church was thrown open to women in 1922.

The United Free Church of Scotland threw open the diaconate, the eldership and the ministry to women in 1929.

The Evangelical and Reformed Church in the United States ordains women as ministers. The United Presbyterian, The Associate Reformed Presbyterian and The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. all give women a much larger place officially than our Church does.

It seems true to say that in nearly all Churches the world over women are taking a steadily increasing responsibility in the leadership of the affairs of the Church, both on the local and higher levels. When the General Council of the World Presbyterian Alliance met in Princeton, N.J., in the summer of 1954, an informal vote was taken on the question of ordaining women. A majority voted in favor. While this had no binding effect, it was indicative of the general trend of thinking. It did bring about the setting up of a Commission to "formulate afresh the Reformed doctrine of ordination, and of the service in the Church of minister, elder and deacon, with particular reference to the ministry of women, according to the word of God and in the light of both the ancient tradition of the Church and the human situation today."

### OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the overture No. 58 be answered that it is not out of accord with the teaching of the Bible to have women speak in the courts of our Church.
2. That overture No. 69 be answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD G. LILLY, *Chairman*
JAMES E. BEAR
MANFORD G. GUTZKE
MRS. A. WALTON LITZ
LEWIS B. SCHENCK

## 5. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE STUDY OF THE EDUCATION OF LAY LEADERS

In 1955 the General Assembly, in answer to Overture 52 from Orange Presbytery, ordered the appointment of an Ad Interim Committee to study the education of lay leaders. During the year the committee has:

1. Made a survey of what other Protestant denominations are doing to clarify the position of lay leaders.

2. Met to plan the study of the problem in the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

3. Conducted a survey of the actual educational experience in the colleges and seminaries of our Church.

4. Started a study of the degree programs in Presbyterian colleges offering training for lay workers in the Church.

The Ad Interim Committee will not be able to complete its work and prepare a report for the 1956 General Assembly and requests that the committee be continued in order that a report may be available for the 1957 General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
C. ELLIS NELSON, *Chairman*
LESLIE BULLOCK, *Secretary*

## 6. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Your Committee has had three meetings and is making progress. The General Assembly, in appointing this Committee directed that a progress report be made in 1957. Your Committee requests that permission be given to call into conference a select group of men capable of giving valuable assistance to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
VERNON S. BROYLES, JR.,
*Chairman*

## 7. REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PREPARE A MANUAL SETTING FORTH A SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH UNDER THE SESSION

Note: This report was recommitted for further study and report to the 1957 General Assembly. *Stated Clerk.*

To the 1956 General Assembly meeting at Montreat

The General Assembly of 1955, fulfilling the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the General Council, appointed an Ad Interim Committee to prepare a Manual setting forth a suggested organizational plan for the operation of the local church under the session. The Moderator of the Assembly appointed the following: Rev. J. C. Frist, Chairman; Rev. Stephen T. Harvin, Rev. C. J. Matthews, J. H. McKeithen, W. J. Powell.

The Chairman corresponded with leaders of small, large and middle-size churches in each of the presbyteries of the Assembly. These in turn recommended others who were interested in such a manual, or who had experienced success in creating a manual

for the local church. There came from all over the Assembly various plans which are followed by large and small churches in the presbyteries. No two of these were alike in organization. Some were so large they were in book form, and others were mere outlines of the set-up of the individual church.

The Committee met in Atlanta, Georgia and worked out the suggested outline which is presented as the report of this committee. Mr. W. J. Powell was unable to attend the meeting. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that only a suggested outline for a manual would be advisable at this time. The Committee is indebted to members of the General Council who offered suggestions, to a committee of the Religious Education Cabinet meeting in Laurinburg, North Carolina in September 1953, and to all who sent material of local church organizations.

We recommend to the Assembly of 1956 meeting in Montreat, North Carolina, that the following suggested manual be printed and distributed in leaflet form to serve as a guide to churches and sessions. With very little change present committees in many churches could be adapted to fit into this pattern.

A SUGGESTED MANUAL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH UNDER THE SESSION

Organization makes for efficiency. The General Assembly, recognizing this fact, at its 1955 meeting appointed an Ad Interim Committee for the following purpose: "To prepare a Manual setting forth a suggested organizational plan for the operation of the local church under the session." (G.A. Minutes, 1955, P. 60)

This Manual is so designed as to cover the total program of the Church, and must be adapted and enlarged upon to meet varying local needs .

For the accomplishment of the great purpose of the Church, which is one of many parts, provision must be made for:

1. *The provision of an adequate Church program* which will achieve its aim through materials, activities and emphases. The basic materials are the Bible, the Standards of our Church and other religious literature. The activities of the program are worship, study, fellowship, recreation and service. And the emphases will be evangelism, the Christian Church, the Christian family, and Christian leadership, Christian missions, Christian stewardship, Christian vocations and Christian relations.

2. *The securing and training of leaders* for the program who will be capable of guiding the organizations and activities toward the goals of the program, with adequate provision for an equitable distribution of leadership responsibilities.

3. *The enlistment and assimilation of persons* into the Church and its organizations and activities, including all members of the Church and all others for whom the Church must feel responsible.

4. *The provision of adequate buildings and financial resources* for the organizations and activities which carry the program, both within and beyond the local church.

The foregoing provisions can hardly be realized except through appropriate committees which are made keenly aware of the area and scope of their operation. Basic committees are as follows:

1. Committee on Christian Education
   - Religious Education
   - Higher Education
   - Student Work
   - Adult Work
2. Committee on Church Extension
   - Home Missions
   - Evangelism
   - Radio and Television
   - Negro Work
   - Sunday School Extension
   - Christian Relations
3. Committee on World Missions
   (Overseas Relief)
4. Committee on Annuities and Relief

5. Committee on General Fund Agencies
   - Women of the Church
   - General Council
   - Stillman
   - American Bible Society
   - Montreat
   - Historical Foundation
   - Assembly's Training School
6. Committee on Synod's Causes
   (Educational Institutions, Orphanages, etc.)
7. Committee on Spiritual Life and Worship
   (Music, Communion, Pulpit Supply)
8. Committee on Stewardship and Finances
9. Committee on Church Property
10. Committee on Publicity and Literature

The fundamental purpose is to give each Elder a place of defined and active leadership. If there are ten or more Elders the Committee may be divided. If there are less than ten Elders the Committees may be combined.

For churches with less than ten Elders the following combinations are suggested:

For example, churches having three Elders:

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| Educational Work | Committee on Christian Education<br>Committee on Annuities and Relief<br>Committee on Synod's Causes<br>Committee on Publicity and Literature |
| Outreach | Committee on Church Extension<br>Committee on World Missions<br>Committee on General Fund Agencies |
| Local Church Growth | Committee on Spiritual Life and Worship<br>Committee on Stewardship and Finances<br>Committee on Church Property |

For example, churches having five Elders:

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| | Committee on Christian Education<br>Committee on Synod's Causes |
| | Committee on Church Extension<br>Committee on Annuities and Relief |
| | Committee on World Missions<br>Committee on General Fund Agencies |
| | Committee on Stewardship and Finances<br>Committee on Publicity and Literature |
| | Committee on Spiritual Life and Worship<br>Committee on Church Property |

Among our larger churches the following additional committees may be helpful in assigning responsibility:

Judicial, Nominating, Recreation, Hospitality, Visitation, Remembrances and Observances, Pastoral Counseling, Personnel or Staff, Community Service.

As an aid and guide in co-ordinating and activating the total program of the Church, the following structure, under the supervision of the session, is recommended:

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Membership to be as follows in Panels:

| *Church Program Committee* | *Enlistment & Assimilation* | *Church Property & Resources* |
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| Rep. of Church School | Supt. of Church School | Chm. Board of Deacons |
| Chm. of Education Comm. | Chm. of Church Extension | Church Treasurer |
| Chm. of Spiritual Life | Chm. of World Missions | Chm. Church Property Committee |
| Rep. of W. O. C. | Chm. of Stewardship | |
| Rep. of Young People | Rep. of W.O.C. | |
| D.C.E. | Pres. Men of the Church | |
| Rep. Men of the Church | Rep. of Young People | |

Pastor advisory member of each Panel.

Chairman to be appointed by Session.*

*In many of our small churches one person might well fulfill several of the above responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN CHESTER FRIST, *Chairman*

## 8. REPORT OF AD INTERIM COMMITTEE ON "UNITED" OR "FEDERATED" CHURCHES

This Committee was unable to arrange a meeting with the committees of the Presbyterian U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Churches in time to prepare its report for the Blue Book. It will be presented in mimeographed form.

E. C. SCOTT, *Stated Clerk.*

## IX. THE REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

The Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations has held two meetings in the Conference Room at the Presbyterian Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Both meetings were well attended.

The first meeting was held on January 11, 1956. At this meeting the Committee organized itself in accordance with the directive of the 1955 General Assembly.

The second meeting was held on March 6, 1956, at which the following report was adopted for presentation to the 1956 General Assembly.

A.

MANUAL

In accordance with the instructions of the 1955 General Assembly the following Manual was prepared and is presented for adoption:

I. *Name*

The name of this Committee is "The Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States."

II. *Membership*

Section 1. The committee shall be composed of 19 members, 16 of whom shall be nominated to the General Assembly by each of the Synods of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; one of whom shall be nominated by the Board of Women's Work; the

remaining two shall be the current Moderator and the Stated Clerk of the Assembly ex officiis.

Section 2. Each Synod and the Board of Women's Work, by its own approved procedure, may transmit in writing the name of its nominee to the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly, or to the Stated Clerk, for submission to that body for election or veto.

Section 3. Members of the Committee, except the Moderator and Stated Clerk, shall be elected for terms of three years and no member shall be eligible to serve for more than two successive terms except that upon failure of a Synod or the Board of Women's Work to nominate, a member shall continue to serve on the Committee until a successor has been duly nominated. At the first meeting of the Committee the 17 members nominated by each Synod and the Board of Women's Work shall be divided into three classes, one class having 5 members and two classes of 6 members each. The Committee shall determine by lot which members shall be in each class. Class 1, containing 6 members, shall serve for one year, or until their successor is elected. Class 2, consisting of 6 members, shall serve for two years, or until their successor is elected. Class 3, containing 5 members, shall serve three years, or until their successor is elected.

Section 4. In the case of the death of a member, his resignation, his removal from the Synod nominating him or other occasion of inability to serve, an interim appointment of a successor to fill out the unexpired term may be made by the Synod or the Board of Women's Work, subject to confirmation by the succeeding General Assembly.

Section 5. A member's term expires at the time of the annual meeting of the General Assembly in the year of expiration of his term, and his second term, or the term of his successor, begins with such annual meeting. This provision assumes that nominations shall be made by Synods and by the Board of Womens' Work at their stated meetings next preceding the annual meeting of the General Assembly at which a term expires. In case of failure to nominate at the regular time, the Synod (or Board) may nominate at the meeting following General Assembly, and a member nominated at such time shall be eligible to begin service on the committee as soon thereafter as notice of his nomination in writing shall be filed with the Stated Clerk of General Assembly by the Stated Clerk of Synod, or by the Secretary of the Board of Women's Work. Such nomination shall be subject to approval or veto by the next General Assembly.

### III. *Functions*

Section 1. In general, the committee is charged with all problems of interchurch relations and shall serve as the chief agency of liaison between the General Assembly and similar agencies of the Supreme judicatories of other communions and the agencies of interdenominational cooperation with which the General Assembly sustains fraternal relations, in matters pertaining to cooperation between churches.

Section 2. In particular, the Committee is charged with the responsibility to perform the following functions and such other as from time to time may be assigned to it by General Assembly:

(a) Ways and means for working with Presbyterian and other Evangelical denominations in the many fields of common effort and to explore and report, with or without recommendations, avenues of cooperation with other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies.

(b) To receive, edit and transmit to the General Assembly information and recommendations concerning the following:

(1.) The American Bible Society.

(2.) National Council of Churches of Christ.

(3.) North American Area Council. World Presbyterian Alliance.

(4.) World Council of Churches.

(5.) Religion in American Life.

(6.) Lord's Day Alliance.

(7.) Reformation Day.

(c) To appoint fraternal delegates and visitors, as the General Assembly may from time to time authorize, to the meetings of the highest judicatories of other Presbyterian and Reformed bodies.

(d) To arrange through the proper agencies of the General Assembly for the reception, entertainment and hearing of fraternal delegates and extending of invitations and hearing of representatives of interchurch agencies.

(e) The Committee shall make recommendations for nomination to the General

Assembly's permanent committee and nominations of persons to represent the church in interchurch agencies.

IV. *Organization*

Section 1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary.
Section 2. Officers shall be elected annually by the committee to serve for such lengths of terms as the committee may designate at the time of their election, and they shall hold office until their successors have been elected.
Section 3. In the absence, or at the request of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of Chairman. In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Secretary shall perform the duties of the Chairman until such time as the committee may elect a chairman *pro tempore*.
Section 4. The Committee may establish annually such sub-committees as it deems advisable in the performance of its work and the personnel of such sub-committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
Section 5. The committee may enlist the services of such persons outside the membership of the committee as it may deem desirable in the performance of such phases of its work as require specialized knowledge and skill.
Section 6. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, together with the Chairmen of sub-committees, shall constitute an executive committee to which may be delegated such powers and functions as the committee may deem advisable.
Section 7. New members of the committee shall be assigned to a sub-committee by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

V. *Meetings*

Section 1. A meeting of the committee shall be held at least annually, and at other times upon call of the Chairman, after consultation with the other officers.
Section 2. The Chairman shall call a meeting of the committee at any time when so requested in writing by as many as five members of the committee.
Section 3. A quorum shall be nine members.
Section 4. The time and place of meetings shall ordinarily be determined by the committee, but when not so determined, may be designated by the Chairman.

VI. *Finances*

Section 1. The cost of travel and other expenses related to the work of the committee shall be defrayed by the office of the General Assembly.

VII. *Amendments*

Provisions of this manual may be amended by a majority vote of the General Assembly upon recommendation of either the Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations or Assembly's Standing Committee on Interchurch Relations.

B.

## WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

During the past year two churches applied for admission into the World Council of Churches—The Evangelical Church of the Augsburgian Confession in Silesia (Czechoslovakia), and The National Baptist Convention of America, bringing the total membership to 165.

The Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees continued to make a tremendous contribution through assistance to Christian groups in various parts of the world who had been stricken by disaster or persecution, and through its work in conjunction with the United Nations in the resettlement of refugees.

The Division of Studies is laying plans for an enlargement of the scope of its work. It is the belief of the Division that true ecumenical progress can be made only as the various churches study their problems and their faith together, in the light of the revelation of God in Christ as set forth in the Bible. Consequently, studies are being projected in the biblical field, on world missions, on various theological aspects of the faith and order of the church, on evangelism, and on the church's role in society.

One of the major undertakings of the World Council at present is the enlargement of the facilities of its Headquarters in Geneva. A $750,000 campaign is projected over a period of three years, $450,000 of which it is hoped will come from individual or founda-

tion gifts, and $300,000 from the member churches. The plan is to erect a chapel, a library, and adequate office accommodations for the work of the Council which should suffice for its work on a long-term basis.

The Council is continuing to make every effort to keep the churches together in a growing and deepening fellowship, so that our unity as members of the Body of Christ may increasingly be realized, and the church's witness to a broken world strengthened. The danger of mere organization for the sake of organization is constantly faced, and the officers of the Council are striving to keep the movement related to the grass roots of the member churches. It is only as the World Council is what it purports to be, a Council of *churches*, each of which is making its contribution to the life and work of the whole, that it will fulfill its function.

C.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Committee has received from Rev. John S. Land the report of our Church's Representatives on the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, of which the following is a condensation.

At the present time the General Board is meeting approximately every three months for a two-day session. During the past year our Church has been represented by at least three of the four men appointed on the General Board. In addition, we are serving on various committees, such as General Policy and Strategy, Finance, and Field Operations. We are also sharing in various Divisions of the Council, such as Christian Life and Work, International Affairs and others. More than once officials of the National Council have expressed appreciation for the regularity of attendance and active participation of our representatives.

The past year marked the fifth anniversary of the National Council of Churches as an instrument enabling the churches, acting together, to make a greater Christian impact upon the life of the nation and the world. Bound together through commitment to Jesus Christ as Divine Lord and Savior, the thirty communions that constitute the Council and the twenty-eight others that share in various programs, added new milestones to the history of church cooperation in 1955. They utilized the National Council to strengthen the influence of Christianity in the lives of millions of people in a world that yearns for justice and peace. They tackled unitedly common tasks in evangelism, missions, education, welfare and many other fields and spoke with one voice their Christian concern for great issues.

The partnership of clergy and laity in the National Council involved 4,230 men and women in shaping policy and program. These persons, chosen or approved by their denominations, determine the Council's program. There are 2,065 laymen and 2,165 clergymen, from every section of the country. On the policy-making General Board there are 115 laymen and 139 clergymen. The total results of the effort of the churches working together in the National Council last year are told in the voluminous reports of its many departments that carry on more than 75 programs at home and abroad. Some of the highlights, with emphasis on trail-blazing efforts, are set forth in condensed form.

Assemblies and Conferences: The first National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare was held at Cleveland November 1-4 with 1,500 in attendance. The Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission was held at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, December 27-January 1, when 3,500 students from 90 countries shared the discussions. United Church Women—now fourteen years old—held its Seventh National Assembly at Cleveland November 7-10, with 3,000 women present. The National Conference on Religion and Public Education met at St. Louis, Missouri, November 6-8, when more than 200 men and women considered the relations of the churches with the public schools. "Teach Christ Now" was the theme of the 23rd International Sunday School Convention which attracted 7,000 teachers and others from the United States and Canada to Cleveland July 27 for a four-day session. A consultation on the church and industrial relations at Haverford College June 15-19 brought together 45 church leaders. A national conference on land stewardship in Louisville, Kentucky in June outlined a policy and program for the churches. Other special conferences in 1955 included the first for student workers in higher education institutions, the first nation-wide conference on the Chinese Churches, and various annual assemblies and summer conferences.

Program Re-appraisal and long-range planning. The churches, in the face of rapid social change and the new world situation, used the National Council of Churches more extensively in 1955 as an instrument in careful and comprehensive re-appraisal of their task in several fields. The General Board appointed a special commission to study the task of evangelism today and to report in 1956. It recognized that evangelism, the basic function of the churches, should be theologically sound in content and appropriate, as well as effective, in method. The General Board constituted a commission to study the needs and resources for ecumenical education in the United States and to report in 1956. A comprehensive analysis, "Changing America," was drafted for the consideration of denominational leaders and other groups associated with the Division of Christian Life and Work.

In connection with pronouncements, it should be noted that only the General Assembly, meeting triennially, and the General Board, which holds quarterly sessions, can speak for the National Council of Churches. These bodies act upon pronouncements, messages and resolutions brought to the floor from various departments where they have been carefully studied and approved by the governing body—representative of all the communions, and submitted to members of the Assembly or Board in advance. The exception are emergencies that can be considered only by unanimous consent. There were fewer of these statements this year. Mention is made of the following: Public and Religious Education—Pledged assistance in strengthening the public schools as the bulwark of democracy and continued effort to improve religious education in the home and the church so that religious and public education may develop a more God-fearing and morally responsible citizenry. Surplus Commodities—Took steps to impress upon the U. S. Department of Agriculture the determination of church people that America's surplus food and fiber be made available for distribution to the hungry and needy overseas. Destruction of Churches in Turkey—Expressed Christian sympathy for all who suffered extreme violence and outrage unleashed against Greeks and other minorities in Turkish riots September 6 and 7, 1955. Permanent Universal Military Training—Acknowledged the need for adequate defense measures in the light of existing circumstances; reaffirmed opposition to permanent universal military training and reserved judgment on specific measures currently under consideration. This action was in line with the views of many constituent communions, recorded over a period of years. Human Rights and Segregation—Adopted several resolutions concerning tensions that developed in the wake of the 1954 Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in the public schools . . . authorized expansion of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations for work primarily in areas of greatest tension; directed Church World Service to seek ways to set up relief programs for victims of persecution. Indian Affairs—Deplored the haste with which Congress has acted to terminate the federal trusteeship of American Indians and set forth a six point program to facilitate orderly transition of Indians from trusteeship to full participation as citizens, stressing the need to make it a cooperative effort of government, Indians and voluntary agencies.

In cooperative work the National Council has participated in the distribution of food to the hungry in 29 countries, placed graduate students from abroad in American Seminaries, sent the president to carry Christmas greetings to men in the Armed Services, took steps toward the erection of an office building in New York, cultivated closer international relations in the field of United Christian Women, furthered the activities of the United Youth Movement of the Council, sponsored Laymen's Sunday, made substantial progress in the use of television and radio in the promulgation of the Gospel, and is engaged in making a nation-wide survey of the religious affiliations of Americans in three major faiths.

As this report is written, a deputation of nine outstanding religious leaders of the National Council is preparing to leave for a visit to the religious leaders of the Soviet Union. This visit of U. S. churchmen will mark the first phase of a two-way visit that will bring Russian churchmen here next June as guests of the National Council for a period of about ten days. Our church leaders will extend greetings to church leaders in the U.S.S.R. and will discuss subjects of mutual interest, such as: What the churches of the respective countries have done and are doing to promote the cause of world peace; the freedom of the churches to fulfill their mission; the Christian faith and other religions; the Christian faith and modern science; the current trends in theological education; Christian literature; relations between the churches in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.

The General Board has decided that no major office of the National Council should be established in Chicago. Reasons for this action are: 1) Seven out of eight member communions whose headquarters are not located in New York see no reason for having a major office in Chicago; 2) Chicago Federation of Churches does not want it; and 3) The administrative heads of all 65 units of the National Council desire that all their functions and activities be administered through general headquarters in New York, and only five expressed the need for continuing functions in a mid-west office. Work among migrants and the cultivation of financial contributions to the National Council will continue to be domiciled in Chicago. The Division of Christian Education is moving from Chicago to New York this spring. This action was hastened by the demolition of the Pullman Building in which this division had its headquarters.

In view of the wide publicity given to the one man report of Mr. J. Howard Pew, chairman of the National Lay Committee, we shall include a brief history of the National Lay Committee and then conclude with an analysis of the clerical and lay participation in the life of the Council which will correct the impression given by Mr. Pew and Mr. David Lawrence that there is a cleavage between the clergy and the laity and that the clergy dominate the National Council.

The National Lay Committee was one experiment in lay participation. It was originally set up by the Planning Committee before the Constituting Convention was held in Cleveland in December 1950. At Cleveland the General Board expressed its deep appreciation to the National Lay Committee for the help its members had given to the Planning Committee in preparation for the Constituting Convention and invited the Committee to continue in a planning capacity to help the Board formulate plans for the "more complete integration of laymen into the total organization of the National Council. . . ." At the same time it approved provisions for the appointment of 35 members of the Lay Committee to the Council's Business and Finance Committee. The General Assembly at Denver, in 1952, expressed its "basic conviction that the ultimate method of securing that vital and effective degree of lay participation which the Planning Committee visualized must be through the complete integration of lay persons into the organic structure of the Council. . . ." It approved changes in the constitution for the appointment of additional lay representatives by the denominations and continued The Lay Committee as a committee of the General Board until June 30, 1954. By that time, the Assembly and General Board believed members of The Lay Committee would be actively working throughout the Council "from top to bottom on a variety of policy, managerial and program committees'" and there would be no further need for the Committee. The General Board, on March 17, 1954, noting that the goal of integration had not been completed, voted to continue the National Lay Committee for another year. The Committee ceased to function on June 30, 1955.

The Lay Committee had 170 members on its rolls when it ceased to function last year. A check of the Council's leadership on February 1, 1956, showed that 71 of the 170 remain active in the National Council as members of the General Assembly or General Board or in other capacities. There are 4,230 men and women participating in the life of the Council—almost an equal division between clergy and laity. As of February 1, 1956, the division stood: Clergy 2,165; lay men and women, 2,065.

Let us conclude our report with two observations and convictions. The differences of attitudes and opinions of those who comprise the participants in this great cooperative movement are as marked between layman and layman as between layman and clergyman. It should be remembered that the membership of the General Board and of the General Assembly of the National Council is elected by the member denominations as their direct representatives. Not only are there nearly as many laymen and laywomen sharing in this work, but also the general departments of United Church Men and United Church Women are vigorous and active. It is significant that the former chairman of the Division of Christian Life and Work was Mr. Arthur S. Flemming, a layman, and that the present chairman is a laywoman, Mrs. Douglas F. Horton. It is furthermore interesting that the chairman of the Department of Church and Economic Life, which prepared the report to which Mr. Pew and some of his associates so violently disagreed, was prepared and presented to the General Board several times under the leadership of its chairman, Mr. Charles P. Taft.

The second observation is this. It is to be expected that there will be many different points of view and items for discussion and action which will not please everyone. When the comprehensive and cooperative work of the member communions in the basic and

central task of extending the Kingdom is considered, we should not allow one objection here or one there to loom so large that this "mote" of criticism should seem larger than the "beam" of united Kingdom endeavor.

Your representatives are grateful for the privilege of sharing in this great movement on your behalf and solicit at all times your prayers and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN S. LAND, *Chairman*

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## COOPERATION WITH PRESBYTERIAN AND OTHER EVANGELICAL DENOMINATIONS

Your committee gives herewith a summary of the cooperation with Presbyterian and other Evangelical Denominations abroad and here at home.

### 1. THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN ORDER

#### *(1.) The World Alliance*

THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HOLDING THE PRESBYTERIAN ORDER was organized in 1875 by officially appointed delegates from 21 Churches in 12 countries, and is the oldest of the worldwide associations of Churches. Two shorter forms of the name, authorized by the Constitution, are THE WORLD PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE and THE WORLD ALLIANCE OF REFORMED CHURCHES.

There are today 66 member Churches, located as follows: North America 10, Latin America 7, British Isles 7, European Continent 21, Africa 10, Asia 8, Australasia 3. These are autonomous Churches (denominations) "whose doctrinal position is in harmony with the consensus of the Reformed Confessions and whose polity are in accord with the Presbyterian order."

The Alliance headquarters office is at 17 Route de Malagnou, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### *(2.) The North American Area*

THE NORTH AMERICAN AREA, originally organized in 1884 as the "American (Western) Section" includes the United States and Canada and "any other adjacent regions which might be agreed upon in the future."

There are at present 10 members of the Alliance in the Area—seven in the United States, two in Canada, and one in Jamaica—as follows

| *Church* | *Communicants* |
|---|---|
| Associate Reformed Presbyterian | 27,116 |
| Evangelical and Reformed | 774,277 |
| Free Magyar Reformed | 9,000 |
| Presbyterian Church in Canada | 183,320 |
| Presbyterian Church of Jamaica | 12,289 |
| Presbyterian Church in the U.S. | 780,853 |
| Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. | 2,658,903 |
| Reformed Church in America | 205,090 |
| United Church of Canada | 894,556 |
| United Presbyterian Church of N.A. | 213,810 |
| | 5,759,214 |

The North American office of the Alliance (and of the Area) is at Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee.

#### *(3.) Meetings*

The Alliance meets in General Council ordinarily once in five years. The last General Council (the 17th) was held at Princeton in 1954, and the next (18th) is due to be in 1959, the place not yet selected. (The 16th was at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1948.)

The North American Area Council is held annually, usually in February. The Area Council for 1956 was in Pittsburgh, February 21-23. The dates of the next meeting will be February 19-21 or 26-28, 1957.

The Alliance Executive Committee meets annually. The 1955 meeting was in Cret-Berard, Switzerland. The 1956 meeting will be in Prague, Czechoslovakia, August 7-11.

The North American Administrative Committee meets in connection with each Area Council and twice between Councils.

*(4.) Delegates—Quotas*

Both General Councils and Area Councils consist of delegates from all member Churches in proportionate numbers determined by established formulas.

The formula for the North American Area Council (Area By-Laws V) is as follows:

(1) for the first 100,000 communicant members or fraction thereof, two delegates.
(2) for the second 100,000 communicant members or fraction thereof, five additional delegates.
(3) for each additional 100,000 communicant members or fraction thereof, above 200,000, one additional delegate.

By this formula, using the communicant memberships in section 2 above, the delegates to which the Churches are entitled in the area Council are as follows: Associate Reformed Presbyterian, 2; Evangelical and Reformed, 13; Free Magyar Reformed, 2; Presbyterian in Canada, 7; Presbyterian in the U.S., 13; Presbyterian in the U.S.A., 32; Presbyterian of Jamaica, 2; Reformed in America, 8; United of Canada, 14; United Presbyterian, 9.

New membership statistics may increase these quotas for some Churches in the 1957 Area Council.

It should be noted that delegates may be "ministers and members, either men or women." It is not necessary that the "members" be ruling elders.

*(5.) Financial Support of the Alliance*

The work of the Alliance is supported by contributions of the member Churches. The budget is modest compared to those of other great interchurch bodies. The annual combined budget of the Alliance as a whole and the North American Area for 1956 is but $35,000. There will be some increase for 1957, to provide for minimum essential expansion of service, the exact amount to be decided by the Executive Committee in August, 1956.

Each Church in the North American Area was asked to contribute in 1956 to the Alliance (including the Area), *five mills* per communicant member. The Area Council on February 23, 1956, voted to request each Church to contribute *six mills* per member in 1957. It is hoped that the appropriate officers can take the steps necessary to meet this increase.

All contributions to the Alliance should be sent to the North American Area Treasurer:

Dr. Roger F. Murray
Columbia University, Room 309 Business
New York 27, New York

Each member is urged to participate in this important project.

*(6.)Calvin Auditorium Report*

Restoration of the auditorium in Geneva, Switzerland, where John Calvin lectured and John Knox conducted services, was approved as a special project by the Alliance through its general Council at Princeton in 1954. It was estimated that $125,000 will be required for the restoration.

Reports at March 1, 1956, indicated that approximately $70,000 had been realized from gifts through the member Churches. The idea of a usable historic Reformed Center has caught the imagination of many in the Reformed Churches throughout the world. It is hoped that all member Churches will make special effort in the near future to fill the quotas assigned by the Calvin Auditorium Committee.

The American Treasurer for the Fund is Mr. Samuel Slaymaker, 1024 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

*(7.) Publications*

(1) *The Reformed and Presbyterian World,* edited by Rev. Dr. Marcel Pradervand, the General Secretary, is the official magazine of the Alliance. Its name was changed at the beginning of 1956 from *The Presbyterian World* and it has been given a new appearance.

It is published quarterly in Geneva, Switzerland, and contains material relating to the Reformed Faith and Churches in general and to the various member Churches in particular. Subscriptions to the English edition at $1.00 per year may be sent to the North American Area Treasurer. If Churches wish to subscribe for it in large quantities (e.g. to send to all ministers) a reduced rate is available.

(2) *A Manual* of the Alliance, prepared especially for the North American Area by Ralph Waldo Lloyd, North American Secretary, has just been published. It is an information brochure of thirty-two pages, giving general facts, history, a list of member Churches throughout the world, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alliance, and the By-Laws of the Area. It is the first such publication by the Alliance in more than half a century.

Copies were given to all delegates to the Area Council in Pittsburgh, in February 1956, and have been mailed to various officers of member Churches. The quantity to be printed will determine the ultimate price (from 20c to 35c per copy) at which the *Manual* will be available.

The quantity printed will depend on the requests received from member Churches. It is believed that the Stated Clerk or Secretary of each General Assembly or General Synod will find it valuable to have a supply (perhaps 100) on hand to meet requests for information about the Alliance.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH WALDO LLOYD
*North American Secretary*

### 2. COOPERATION THROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENCIES

It has been more than a year since the vote of the presbyteries of our Church defeated the Plan of Union. It was the concern of many in our Church that this might lead to our becoming an isolationist and parochial group. The opposite has been true.

Through the years the Boards and other agencies of our General Assembly have found that there is much to be gained through mutual planning and stimulation and through the sharing of such resources as leadership, materials and experience. *The Hymnbook*, planned through the cooperation of five denominations in our Presbyterian-Reformed tradition, has been published and has won remarkable approval. It is interesting that the greatest number of sales has been to churches of our denomination. A genuine interest in the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of the first Presbytery in this country has led to the naming of a full representation of delegates from our Assembly and synods.

The 1955 General Assembly adopted two recommendations related to cooperation:

(1.) That the General Assembly express the hope that the cooperative efforts between the three bodies which have been developed through the years may be continued and extended as may seem desirable.

(2.) That the General Assembly authorize and encourage its Boards and other agencies to explore and carry out, subject to the approval of the General Assembly, as much joint and cooperative activity within the sphere of their responsibility as may advance the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is gratifying to be able to report that these recommendations are being carried out both in letter and spirit.

Our committee has received reports of cooperative efforts by our Boards and agencies. It would too greatly lengthen this report to include all of these, but we would like to report excerpts:

(a.) *The General Council:* "We take an active part in the work of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council, and once a year we have a meeting with the Stewardship and Evangelism men of the U.S.A. and U.P. Churches. . . . Last year, as a result of this meeting, we produced together a filmstrip for the training of canvassers entitled, 'Go Forth in His Name.'"

(b.) *Board of World Missions:* "The Board of World Missions conducts its work on a basis of interdenominational cooperation. Through the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches and its network of committees, the Board is engaged in a continuing process of joint-counseling, joint-planning, joint-administration, and joint-action. Every area of our foreign mission fields and every function included in our missionary program is set in the context of

this broad collaboration. We hold active membership in some twenty-five inter-denominational committees and agencies that are set up here in the United States to provide for a concerted and cooperative approach to our missionary task. On the fields, likewise, our whole program is set in the framework of inter-denominational cooperation."

(c.) *Board of Church Extension:* "The Comity Committee has been appointed. Our Division of Evangelism has worked in close cooperation with the sister Presbyterian Assemblies and their exchange of ideas is proving mutually advantageous. . . . Our Department of Chaplains and Military Personnel works very closely with the Committee on Chaplains and Service Personnel of the U.S.A. Church."

(d.) *Board of Christian Education:* "The officers of the Assembly's Youth Council met with officers of similar bodies from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church. . . . The devotional quarterly for Senior High—Young People, *Thy Will—My Will,* has been made a co-operative quarterly, six denominations—Moravian (Northern Province), Cumberland Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, the Reformed Church in North America, and the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America—participating in its planning and distribution. . . . The Campus Christian Life Department each third year has a conference jointly with the student workers of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Last year there was begun by the two Presbyterian Campus Christian Life Departments a joint training period for all new Presbyterian ministers in Campus Christian Life. . . . Plans are now under way for co-operative studies of the three colleges jointly owned and controlled. These are Davis and Elkins, Centre, and Westminster."

(e.) *Board of Annuities and Relief.* "So far as our Interchurch Relations are concerned we cooperate to the fullest extent through Church Pension Conferences that include all organizations. In addition to this we have Comity Agreement with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and United Presbyterian."

(f.) *Board of Women's Work:* In March 1955 it was recommended that there be a cooperative use of the 1955 *Advent Tryst,* a Devotional Guide for the month of December which had been used previously in the U.S.A. Presbyterian Women's Groups. . . . This booklet was published and promoted by all three of the Women's Groups. The Presbyterian, U.S. Board of Women's Work distributed on order at 5c a copy about 20,000 of these booklets during December 1955. Work has begun on the 1956 *Advent Tryst.* . . . Materials are being developed for use in Retreats of local organizations. . . . There is a committee to investigate the possible plan of a joint Birthday Thank Offering. . . . The United Presbyterian and U.S.A. Presbyterian Womens' Groups have decided to use the Bible material which our Church's Board of Women's Work has asked Dr. E. T. Thompson to prepare for Circle Bible Studies for 1957. . . . Plans are under way for the joint planning of the 1958 Bible Study. . . . These three groups of Presbyterian women have also invited the representatives of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to meet with them. As yet those representatives have not been present but have expressed an interest and a desire to enter into some of these joint projects."

(g.) *Assembly's Committee on Minister and His Work:* "We have worked very closely since I came into this work in June 1951. As a result of our efforts, Mr. Howard L. Hamilton, the Executive Secretary of the Department (of the U.S.A. Church), and I have opened to each other the files in our respective offices."

The joint meetings of some overlapping synods and synodicals continue to be held, and in some areas they have become an established pattern. It has also become the usual procedure in most synods to support jointly the Campus Christian Life program. We have received reports of cooperative efforts within several synods. Meetings of men on a synod or area basis have had unusual success. Youth conferences in several synods and presbyteries are being held jointly with satisfaction. Pan-Presbyterian groups are meeting in a number of cities, and, in a few cases, on a synod basis.

### 3. FRATERNAL DELEGATES

The following were named as fraternal delegates:

To the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. ..... Rev. E. C. Scott

To the United Presbyterian Church ..... Judge J. A. Fulton

Rev. Frank H. Caldwell, Alternate

To the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church ..... Rev. John H. Leith
To the Church of Scotland ..... Rev. Harry G. Goodykoontz

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## COOPERATION WITH INTERDENOMINATIONAL AGENCIES

### 1. The American Bible Society

A comprehensive report and summary of operations of the American Bible Society for 1955 has been submitted by the Secretary, Mr. Roy I. Madsen, from which the following items are taken:

*TRANSLATIONS* in 55 languages were examined in 1955; 18 new translations were printed; 14 are now in the printer's hands; 20 translations or revisions are in process. All or parts of the Bible have now been translated into 1084 different languages and dialects.

*PUBLICATIONS* in 1956 are expected to reach a total of 14,500,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments and portions. A notable production in 1955 was the *Good News*, an illustrated New Testament with over 500 photographs, which is receiving wide acclaim.

*DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES* continues at a very high level. Scriptures are distributed in the United States in 85 languages. The largest single item in the national distribution budget was to service personnel. Chaplains requested and received more than 1⅓ million Scripture volumes for free distribution in 1955, at a cost of more than $220,000.

*DISTRIBUTION ABROAD*—The American Bible Society has for many years been co-operating with Bible Societies in Great Britain and in continental countries in distributing Bibles in all needy areas of Europe and The Middle East. 150 tons of paper were sent to East Germany, and fifty tons to Hungary, where Bibles, Testaments and illustrated Gospels were printed and distributed. In the Middle East Scriptures are distributed in 34 languages. In Asia it is estimated that ten million people a year are learning to read. The Bible Society is meeting these new literates with The Word Of Life. In Africa the American Bible Society is supplying Scriptures in 35 languages, and attempting to combat the menace of Communism and other disruptive and disturbing influences with the Word of God. In Latin America the distribution of over 3½ million volumes in 1955 accounts for one half of the society's distribution abroad.

*FINANCIAL STATEMENT*—For the year 1955 the society expended for all purposes a total of $2,804,159, which was $200,000 over and above what it received from income. This deficit was taken care of out of reserve funds, but obviously this dangerous practice must not be continued. In view of the very pressing unmet needs the Board of Managers has adopted a budget for 1956 of $2,899,000. It is urged that the supporting churches increase their benevolence allotments and freewill offerings to supply the funds needed for the constantly expanding operations of the society.

The record of the gifts to the work of the society from the Presbyterian Church in U.S. for the past three years is as follows:

| 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
|---|---|---|
| $36,070 | $32,486 | $33,261 |

The goal suggested on a pro rata basis, for 1957 is $40,459.

### 2. Religion in American Life

This is a nation-wide, non-sectarian movement to emphasize the importance of religion and religious institutions to the American way of life. It is sponsored by a national laymen's committee of which Charles E. Wilson is Honorary Chairman, and Joseph H. McConnell is Active Chairman. The National Director is Earle B. Pleasant, whose office is located at 300 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. It is supported by twenty-four religious bodies, including our own. It has enlisted the co-operation of The National Advertising Council, The Public Relations Association, and local publicity and promotional agencies throughout the nation in using newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and other media to advertise and publicize the function and importance of religion in American life. Many large business firms, national and local advertising agencies, local service clubs, and men's church organizations have made substantial contributions to the program, so that it is estimated for every dollar contributed by the supporting religious bodies, more than sixty dollars worth of advertising has been contributed by American

business organizations at the national level, not counting the large contributions of publicity stimulated in local newspapers and other publicity and advertising media.

Religious groups of all faiths in towns and cities across the country report gratifying increases in attendance at religious services since this program has been in operation.

A Gallup Poll Survey, released in December 1955 showed that during the average week of the year 1955, approximately 49,600,000 adults attended church. This represents an increase of some 12,200,000 over 1950, and 2,600,000 over 1954. Catholics were found to be more faithful in their church attendance than Protestants, and the Protestants attended more often than those of Jewish faith.

It is estimated that $75,000 is needed as a minimum from the religious groups supporting the program. Our Church has been contributing $2,000 per year to the program for the past few years.

### 3. The Lord's Day Alliance

According to Rev. Melvin M. Forney, General Secretary of The Lord's Day Alliance, the year 1955 marked a reversal in the trend toward commercialization and secularization of the Lord's Day which has been evident in America for a number of years. A new interest on the part of business leaders, service clubs, chambers of commerce, legislators, newspaper editors, and ministerial organizations has apparently developed in keeping Sunday for the church, and free from business. This gratifying development is attributed to the religious revival currently spreading across America, and the growing realization that a day of rest and an opportunity for worship is essential in preserving the moral and spirtual foundations of the nation's life. Christian people generally should be alert to this situation, and while the tide of public opinion is turning toward a more intelligent interest in, and concern for, the protection of the Lord's Day, vigorous efforts should be exerted by the churches to meet this challenge.

### 4. Reformation Day

Sunday, October 28, 1956 has been designated as Reformation Day. Pastors and church leaders are urged to make full use of this occasion to remind our people, and especially our young people, of the imperishable values of our Protestant Heritage. The general theme suggested for sermons and addresses for 1956 is: *"The Protestant Reformation and Christian Higher Education."*

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Manual prepared and presented in this report be adopted as the Manual for the operation of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade H. Boggs, *Chairman*

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## X. REPORT OF THE PERMANENT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Permanent Nominating Committee presents the following report:

The Nominating Committee of the General Assembly has been functioning since the re-organization of the General Assembly in 1949. Up to this time the Committee has been guided by the principles which were adopted at that time but has not possessed an official Manual and a set of By-Laws. The far-reaching importance of this Committee is such that the present members of the Committee have felt the need for an official Manual and By-Laws. This will provide the Committee with the authority of the Assembly and furnish detailed guidance for the discharge of its duties. It will also acquaint the Assembly with the present procedures of the Committee which have grown out of its study and experience.

The following Manual is respectfully submitted to the General Assembly for consideration:

## ARTICLE I

### Organization

1. The Permanent Nominating Committee shall consist of five ministers and four lay members at least one of whom shall be a woman. The members of the Committee shall serve one term of three years each, and shall not be subject to re-election until after the lapse of at least three years. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 135—Item 7)

2. The Permanent Nominating Committee shall be maintained at its full membership of nine by nomination by each Moderator of three members to fill the terms of those three members whose terms expire each year. In the event a vacancy has occurred in the committee because of death or resignation, the Moderator of the following Assembly in addition to the three to be nominated by him, shall nominate members to fill unexpired terms. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 136—Item E)

3. No person shall be eligible to appointment to the Committee on Nominations who is a member of the General Council, or of any Commission, Committee, Board or Agency of the General Assembly until he shall have resigned such other membership.

4. No person who has served on the Committee on Nominations shall be eligible to nomination or election to the General Council, or to any Commission, Committee, Board or Agency for which the Committee on Nominations has submitted nominations to the General Assembly during his term of office on the Committee until one year has passed since the expiration of his term of appointment.

5. The appointment of this Committee shall not be construed to prevent any Commissioner from nominating any eligible person to membership on the General Council, or of any Commission, Committee, Board or Agency of the General Assembly in addition to the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

## ARTICLE II

### Officers and Their Duties

1. The officers of the Permanent Nominating Committee shall be a Chairman and a Secretary. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 136, Item F) The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for a term of one year. His term of office shall begin after the adjournment of one meeting of the General Assembly through the adjournment of the following Assembly.

2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to call a meeting of the Committee at least once a year and not less than four weeks prior to the stated meeting of the Assembly to which its report is to be made. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 146, Item F) He shall establish liaison with the several Boards and Committees concerning vacancies which have occurred in their membership and terms expiring. It shall also be his duty to request nominations from the various Boards, Committees and Institutions with which the Permanent Nominating Committee is related. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 135, Item 7) The Chairman shall advise the Executive Officers of the Boards, Committees and Institutions of the nominations which the Committee will make to the General Assembly prior to the meeting of the Assembly.

3. Ordinarily the Secretary shall be elected for one year. He shall keep full Minutes of the meetings of the committee and perform the duties usually associated with this office.

## ARTICLE III

### Meetings

1. The Permanent Nominating Committee shall meet at least once a year and not less than four weeks prior to the stated meeting of the Assembly to which the report is to be made. (Assembly's Minutes, 1949, p. 146, Item F)

2. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

3. The expenses of the Committee are to be paid by the treasurer of the General Assembly.

## ARTICLE IV

### AMENDMENTS

1. Any amendment to this Manual shall be approved by the General Assembly before becoming effective.

### By-Laws of the Permanent Nominating Committee

1. The Permanent Nominating Committee shall ordinarily meet on the first Tuesday in March of each year. Public notice of the meeting of the Committee shall be given by the Chairman to our church papers (*Presbyterian Survey, The Presbyterian Outlook, The Southern Presbyterian Journal, The Christian Observer, etc.*) The names and addresses of the members of the Nominating Committee shall also be given.

2. At the last meeting in each year prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, the Committee shall elect from its members a Chairman and a Secretary who shall serve for a period of one year from the date of adjournment of the General Assembly through the next General Assembly.

3. Boards, Committees, The General Council and Trustees are requested to furnish a list of their full membership together with the length of service and frequency of the attendance of members at all meetings prior to the Annual meeting of the Nominating Committee.

4. Boards, Committees, The General Council and Trustees are requested to furnish twice the number of nominations for replacements, thus allowing the Committee choices.

5. Any adult member of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in good and regular standing ordinarily shall be eligible for nomination to Boards, Committees, General Council or Trustees of the Church.

6. The Nominating Committee in making re-nominations shall take into account the attendance at Board meetings and participation in the work. This information and detailed report from the Boards and Committees shall be made available to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at least thirty days before the annual meeting.

7. Any individual desiring to resign from any Board, Council or Committee shall do so in writing to the Stated Clerk who shall have the power to accept the resignation, declare a vacancy and shall communicate with the Chairman of the Permanent Nominating Committee.

8. A permanent file of recommendations shall be kept for positions on our Boards, Committees, The General Council and Trustees.

9. When Nominations are requested at times other than the Stated Meetings of the Committee, the Chairman shall take a vote of the Committee by mail or phone. In cases of exceptional importance a special meeting should be called.

10. The Committee shall not nominate anyone to serve on more than one Board, Committee, The General Council or Trustees at the time. Sometimes a person may be on the General Council representing another Board to which he has been elected.

11. The Boards who elect representatives to The General Council or other Boards shall be requested to give this information to the Nominating Committee prior to its annual meeting. This enables the Committee to equalize the right number of laymen and ministers on certain Boards and Committees.

12. The general principle shall be observed of using as many different people on our Boards, Committees, The General Council and Trustees as is consistent with the efficiency of the Church. The Committee shall keep in mind the geographical and numerical representation which should be maintained on our Boards, The General Council and Trustees. It shall remember to adequately represent the women of the Church and also our Negro and Latin American constituencies. An effort shall be made to select men in small towns and country parishes as well as in large city churches or institutions of learning. The Committee shall also avoid a concentration of membership in certain areas such as Richmond, Atlanta and Nashville.

13. In conformity with the rule of the Assembly membership on any of the Boards and Committees will be limited as follows: No individual may serve successively more than three terms of three years each. A part of a term is to be considered as one term. In the event an individual has proved of exceptional value to a Board he may be re-elected by the Assembly to membership after the lapse of one year. The members of

The General Council, however, are elected for one term of six years and cannot be re-elected for at least two years. The manual of the General Council requires that of the 25 members at least 15 must be ministers, 9 must be laymen and the other member may be either a minister or a layman.

14. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be assigned certain synods for which they are responsible for securing nominations from the Stated Clerks of the synods and presbyteries and others who are competent to make them. It is understood that the members of the Nominating Committee are free to make nominations also.

15. The Chairman shall send to the new members of the Committee each year a brief history of the Committee and a copy of the Manual and By-Laws.

16. The work of this Committee is confidential. The discussions concerning nominations shall not be divulged.

17. The Chairman of the Committee shall present its report to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly as soon as possible after it has been completed.

18. The Chairman shall send information to each of the Executives of the Boards, Committees, The General Council, Trustees indicating the nominations which will be presented to the General Assembly from this Committee.

19. Before the annual meeting of the Committee a list of nominations which have been received by the Chairman shall be circulated among the members of the Committee for study and appraisal if practical.

20. The Chairman shall represent the Nominating Committee at the Assembly where its nominations are to be considered. If he is unable to attend he shall arrange for another member of the Committee to attend. The expenses are to be paid by the Assembly.

21. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Nominating Committee.

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## XI. 18TH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK TO THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

The Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work is happy to present this 18th annual report. There are many evidences that our Commissions on the Minister and His Work of presbyteries are more efficient and that churches are depending upon Commissions and the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work in increasing numbers for assistance when their pulpits become vacant. The Assembly's Committee endeavors at all times to emphasize the purpose for which Commissions and Committees on the Minister and His Work were created originally by the 1938 General Assembly. The purpose was that they should (1) assist pastorless churches in obtaining the services of ministers either as Occasional, Temporary or Stated Supplies, or as Pastors and (2) assist ministers who may be available for calls to churches.

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE

The officers elected by the Assembly's Committee for the year 1956 are:
Rev. Harry B. Wade, Huntsville, Alabama, *Chairman*
Col. D. T. Moore, Lewisburg, West Virginia, *Vice-Chairman*
Rev. E. T. Wilson, Atlanta, Georgia, *Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee.*

### RECCOMMENDATION NO. 11, PAGE 152, 1955 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES

The above recommendation directed the "Committee on the Minister and His Work to explore the possibilities of further co-ordination of work with the Committee on (Department of) Ministerial Relations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A." The Assembly's Committee continues its cooperation with the Department and is exploring other avenues of "further co-ordination." The Committee also has conveyed a message to the Permanent Committee on Inter-Church Relations setting forth the fine spirit

prevailing and the areas of cooperation between the Assembly's Committee and the Department.

### REMUNERATION OF PASTORS

The matter of remuneration of pastors continues of concern to the Assembly's Committee and Commissions on the Minister and His Work since it was called to the attention of the 1952 General Assembly. The Committee is happy to report progress in this direction. It is realized fully that a man is not called into the ministry for the material returns to be received therefrom. At the same time, a church has a definite responsibility toward its pastor and part of this responsibility can only be expressed in such a way as to enable him to serve the church efficiently and to meet without embarrassment the financial needs of his family which is dependent upon him for support. In August 1955 the Secretary of the Assembly's Committee presented a paper entitled: "The Salary and Support of the Home Mission Pastor Brought Up To Date" to the Home Mission Association meeting in Montreat. A few copies of the paper are on hand in the office of the Assembly's Committee and these will be distributed, upon request, to interested persons as long as the supply lasts.

### PARAGRAPH 96 (4), BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER

Paragraph 96 (4), Book of Church Order, sets forth the conditions under which Commissions on the Minister and His Work shall serve as Commissions. It has been found that in a large number of instances wherein difficulties have arisen within churches those difficulties are due to a lack of knowledge or understanding on the part of lay members and officers of churches with regard to our Book of Church Order. Ours is a Presbyterian form of church government and not congregational. It is believed that if more church officers would abide by the provisions of the Book of Church Order there would be less cause for difficulties within churches.

### OCCASIONAL SUPPLIES, TEMPORARY SUPPLIES AND STATED SUPPLIES OF CHURCHES

There are failures at times to observe the definitions of "Occasional Supplies," "Temporary Supplies," and "Stated Supplies." These definitions are given in Paragraph 126, Book of Church Order. A minister who serves a church in the interim between pastors generally is a "Temporary Supply" and not an "interim pastor." In our Church there is no such official designation as an "interim pastor."

### PRINTED MATERIALS PREPARED BY THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF COMMISSIONS ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK AND PULPIT NOMINATING COMMITTEES OF PASTORLESS CHURCHES

These printed materials include: (1) "Steps to be Taken by a Church When the Pulpit Becomes Vacant," (2) "Data Form," (3) "Church Survey," (4) "Manual for Commissions on the Ministers and His Work," (5) "Manual for Nominating Committees of Pastorless Churches" and (6) "Form of Call." It is suggested that sessions of churches and nominating committees of pastorless churches confer with Commissions on the Minister and His Work of their presbyteries about these materials.

The Assembly's Committee, as of December 31, had received Data Forms from 1,247 ministers and candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. In these Data Forms certain objective information is requested of ministers about themselves. It should be understood clearly that less than 5 per cent of the above 1,247 ministers definitely are interested in making changes in pastorates. When a minister submits a Data Form he neither states a willingness to make a change nor does he make a commitment to accept a call elsewhere. The Assembly's Committee believes firmly that the reaction of a minister to an inquiry from a church elsewhere or to a call to another church depends almost entirely upon the challenge for larger service which he sees confronting the particular church which has taken steps in his direction. It is important, therefore, that church officers, and members of pulpit nominating committees of pastorless churches, be aware of the total challenge which may confront their church.

The Assembly's Committee desires to express its appreciation to our candidates and ministers who have responded in such a fine manner to the requests that they submit Data Forms to the Committee's office. The Committee also wishes to assure them, and the Church, that there never is an indiscriminate distribution of copies of Data Forms. It is realized fully that some of the information called for therein is of a personal nature and every precaution is taken to avoid embarrassment to ministers as well as the churches and agencies which they serve.

The Assembly's Committee also had received autobiographical information as of December 31, 1955 from 476 candidates and ministers in other denominations who were interested in transferring to the Presbyterian Church, U.S.

### FILM STRIP ON THE COMMISSION ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

The Assembly's Committee has authorized the preparation, by the Protestant Radio and Television Center, Atlanta, Georgia, of a film strip, with accompanying sound on a long-playing record, visualizing the responsibilities of nominating committees of pastorless churches, and Commissions and Committees on the Minister and His Work. Production should be completed by the date of the meeting of the 1956 General Assembly. The film strip is designed to be of help to Commissions in their relationship with such committees. Many Commissions have ordered their own copies of the film strip. Copies of the film strip needed by other Commissions, nominating committees and other interested groups within the Church may be obtained from the office of the Assembly's Committee on a small rental basis, to cover the cost of handling.

### REGIONAL AND SYNOD CONFERENCES ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK

A regional conference was held in Austin, Texas on February 1, 1955 for the Commissions on the Minister and His Work of the presbyteries in the Synods of Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. A similar conference was held in Richmond, Virginia on March 3, 1955 for the Commissions of the presbyteries in the Synods of Appalachia, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. During the fall months of 1955 Synod Conferences on the Minister and His Work were held in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee. These conferences are a consistent helpful media for education about the purpose of Commissions and for the exchange of experiences of Commissions in dealing with unusual cases which come to their attention.

### EXPENSES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE IN 1955

The actual expenses of the Committee in 1955 were as follows:

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| Salaries | $11,280.00 |
| Employees' Annuity Fund Dues | 576.00 |
| Social Security Taxes | 147.60 |
| Group Insurance | 137.80 |
| Committee Expense | 1,109.01 |
| Office Rent | 799.80 |
| Stationery, Postage and Office Supplies | 1,272.30 |
| Publications and Printing | 128.08 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 247.96 |
| Traveling Expense | 935.47 |
| Office Furniture and Fixtures | 199.51 |
| Compensation, Auto. Liability, Fire and Burglary Insurance | 39.76 |
| Total Actual Expense | $16,873.29 |
| Unused portion of Appropriation by 1955 General Assembly | 126.71 |
| Total Appropriation | $17,000.00 |

### ANTICIPATED EXPENSES OF THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE IN 1956

The anticipated expenses of the Committee in 1956 are as follows:

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| Salaries | $12,050.00 |
| Employees Annuity Fund Dues | 616.00 |
| Social Security Taxes | 155.00 |
| Group Insurance | 137.80 |
| Committee Expense | 1,000.00 |
| Rent | 839.80 |
| Stationery, Postage and Office Supplies | 1,115.00 |
| Publications and Printing | 433.00 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 250.00 |
| Traveling Expense | 1,000.00 |

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| Office Furniture and Fixtures | 275.00 |
| Compensation, Auto. Liability, Fire and Burglary Insurance | 50.00 |
| Total Anticipated Expense | $17,921.60 |

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. WADE, *Chairman*
R. GRAHAM WHITE, *Secretary*

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# XII. REPORTS OF TRUSTEES OF SEMINARIES
## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
## of the
## AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### May, 1956

The Board of Trustees of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary submits the following report for the year 1955-56:

#### CONTROL

The Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary continues under the ownership and control of the Synods of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, acting through this Board of twenty-four members. We regret the loss by death during the year of J. R. Scott, Jr. of Falfurrias, Texas.

Officers of the Board serving during the past year were:

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| Chairman | The Rev. C. L. King, D.D. |
| Vice-Chairman | The Rev. S. C. Guthrie, D.D. |
| Secretary | The Hon. Tom A. Cutting |
| Treasurer | John W. Smiley |

#### FACULTY

Eleven men gave full time to Seminary teaching during the year. Additions to the faculty were: Henry W. Quinius, Th.M., as Associate Professor of Church Administration and Director of Field Work; Ernest Best, Ph.D., as Guest Professor of Biblical Theology. Teaching of Homiletics was made a full professorship and James A. Millard, Jr., was installed in this Chair.

James A. Wharton, B.D., completing his Doctorate at Basel will join the faculty in September 1956 as Assistant Professor of Bible. John R. Hendrick, B.D., currently studying in Biblical Seminary, New York, will join the staff as Instructor in Bible at the same time.

C. E. Nelson, Ph.D., has accepted the Professorship of Christian Education at Union Seminary, New York, effective in July, 1957.

Instructors during the year included: William I. Boand, B.D., Bible; Carlyle Marney, Th.D., Homiletics; H. W. Townsend, Ph.D., Speech; John Boe, B.Mus., Music; Samuel Southard, Th.D., Pastoral Counselling; Harris L. Russell, Ph.D., Robert N. Mooney, Ph.D., James A. Hitt, Ph.D., O. W. Reinmuth, Ph.D., Lib.D., all as instructors in Greek.

A total of nineteen men were used for formal teaching during the 1955-56 academic year.

#### ACCREDITATION

The Seminary is accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools. It is a member of the Presbyterian Educational Association of the South. Professors hold memberships in various learned and scholarly societies.

### STUDENT BODY

There were 102 students registered for the long term plus 31 in graduate work—79 received Bible instruction in the University of Texas and 45 were taught through the University in extension courses.

Fifteen states and six countries were represented in the Seminary student body.

Three Graduate Study Fellowships were awarded during the year to the following:

Alumni Fellow, Wayne A. Meeks (also a Fulbright scholar)
Board Fellow, Frank G. Nedbalek
W. P. Newell Fellow, Joe R. Cochran

### LECTURES

Dr. Charles W. Ranson of the International Missionary Council was Settles Lecturer in Missions.

Dr. James Muilenburg, Thomas White Currie Lecturer.

Dr. Charles Johnson, Robert F. Jones Lecturer.

Dr. Douglas V. Steere, E. C. Westerwelt Lecturer.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

A new air-conditioned dormitory for single students was placed in service during the year.

Two faculty homes have been added.

Four apartments for missionaries on furlough have been completed and are occupied.

Plans are under way for the addition of fourteen apartments for married students.

### FINANCES

The Synod of Texas is completing a campaign designed to add approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars to the Seminary's funds.

The Seminary operated within its budget and approximately $100,000 was added during the year to the permanent funds.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. KING, *Chairman of the Board*

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States

### I. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

Columbia Theological Seminary remains under the ownership and control of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. It is governed by a Board of twenty-one Directors who are elected by the synods and charged with responsibility for the policies of the institution. Six members of the Board of Directors are elected by the Synod of South Carolina, six by the Synod of Georgia, and three each by the Synods of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. Eleven of the present members of the Board are ministers, and nine are ruling elders. Two new Directors have assumed office during the past year, these being Rev. Francis B. Mayes of the Synod of South Carolina and Rev. Ryan L. Wood of the Synod of Florida. The officers of the Board elected for the coming year are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. P. D. Miller, Atlanta, Ga.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. J. R. McCain, Decatur, Ga.
Secretary: Rev. Donald B. Bailey, Kingstree, S. C.
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary: Miss C. Virginia Harrison, Decatur, Ga.

### II. FACULTY

The faculty of Columbia Seminary consists at present of ten full professors, five guest professors who teach upon a part-time basis, and two instructors.

The Seminary suffered heavy loss through the death on July 2, 1955 of Dr. Frank C. Brown, a former Moderator of the General Assembly of our Church and beloved pastor of great congregations, who had served for three years as professor of Evangelism and English Bible in this institution. During the brief time of his service here Dr. Brown had made a contribution of large importance to the lives of students and faculty members alike, and his influence will abide as a blessing in the lives of all who were associated with him.

During the first week of November, four professors of the Seminary were formally inaugurated into office. These were Rev. James H. Gailey, Jr., Th.D., Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis, Rev. Richard T. Gillespie, Th.D., Professor of Homiletics, Rev. Thos. H. McDill, Jr., Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Counseling, and Rev. Hubert Vance Taylor, Professor of Public Speech and Music. The inaugural addresses delivered by these men have been published in a bulletin of the Seminary and are thus made available for the Church.

Dr. William C. Robinson, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Presbyterian Polity, has been on sabbatic leave of absence during the year and has been engaged in study at Cambridge University in England and Basel University in Switzerland. Dr. Robinson expects to return to Decatur during the summer and will resume his work as a teacher at the opening of the fall session.

It is a pleasure to report the fact that Dr. T. S. Whale of Cambridge, England, will be a guest professor at Columbia Seminary for six weeks during the winter quarter which begins January 3, 1957.

## III. STUDENT BODY

The enrollment of students at Columbia Seminary has continued to increase and the total of those registered for courses this year has been the largest in the history of the institution. The enrollment of students for the year 1955-56 by groups has been as follows:

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| Graduate Students | 17 |
| Seniors | 56 |
| Clinical Students | 1 |
| Middlers | 67 |
| Juniors | 90 |
| Bible Training Course | 4 |
| Special Students | 3 |
| Total | 238 |

The members of the student body come from 22 different states of the union and 3 foreign countries. The degrees held by members of the student body represent 72 different universities and colleges. The present enrollment of new students for the coming session is such as to indicate that another large entering class will be admitted in September and that there may be an even further increase in the size of the student body.

## IV. FINANCES

It is a pleasure to be able to report that for the twenty-third consecutive year Columbia Theological Seminary has closed its books without a deficit for current operations. The Seminary has this year changed the end of its fiscal year from March 31 to December 31 in order that its records may coincide with those of the church as a whole. For this reason the last auditors' report deals only with the nine-month period from April 1 through December 31, 1955. The income of the Seminary for current operations during that period amounted to $124,009.64 while the expense of operations was $123,838.53, leaving an excess of revenue over expenses amounting to $171.11. The auditors' report prepared by Young, Garber & Co. of Atlanta shows that the value of the Seminary's physical equipment on December 31, 1955 was $1,377,308.46 and that the total amount of the endowment fund was $1,137,673.11.

Although it is gratifying that the Seminary has been able to avoid indebtedness for its current operations, it is impossible for us to take too much satisfaction in this fact since, in large degree, the record has been made possible by the sacrificial service of faculty members. The faithful professors of the institution have never been paid salaries commensurate with the value of their service to the Church, and we consider it a matter of urgent importance that salary levels be raised as promptly as that is possible.

Gifts added to the endowment of the Seminary during the fiscal period covered in the auditors' report amount to $32,403.08.

The Directors would record their particular appreciation for aid which has been given during the year by the Advanced Religious Study Foundation of Austin, Texas, which has made possible the granting of sabbatic leave to Dr. Robinson, the securing of Dr. John Leith as supply professor during his absence, and the bringing of Dr. James M. Robinson and Dr. D. B. Walthall as guest professors during the year. A similar grant made for the coming year will provide the possibility of special study for three members of the faculty, the bringing of Dr. Whale as guest professor, and a continuation of service by the guest professors mentioned.

## V. COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

An encouraging development during the past year has been the promotion in the supporting synods of the Columbia Friendship Circle, which represents a group of individuals who promised to pray for the Seminary, to lay the cause of the ministry upon the hearts of choice young men, and to contribute at least $1.00 per year to the support of the Seminary through this organization.

The number of those who have assumed membership in the Friendship Circle is encouraging and holds the promise of great good to the institution and for the work of the ministry in future years. The seminary would record its appreciation to those who have been leaders in the formation of this organization and to all who are participating in the movement.

## VI. THE PETER MARSHALL MEMORIAL FUND

For several years a quiet effort has been made by alumni and friends of the Seminary to establish at this institution a memorial fund in honor of one of its most distinguished graduates, the late Dr. Peter Marshall. Within the past twelve months an anonymous grant of $50,000.00 has been promised to the Seminary looking toward the endowment of the Chair of Homiletics at Columbia Seminary in memory of Dr. Marshall upon condition that at least $200,000.00 for this purpose be secured from other sources by January 1, 1957. The Seminary is making a quiet effort to secure this amount and it is earnestly hoped that the full amount necessary can be secured in time to claim the challenge gift.

## VII. CAMPAIGN PLANS

The rapid growth of the student body of the Seminary and the prospect that the needs of an expanding Church will be larger year by year make it immediately necessary that Columbia Seminary be better qualified to meet the demands of the future. Already there is real need for additional buildings to provide dormitory, classroom and office space and for endowment to make possible a significant enlargement in the size of the faculty. The Board of Directors feels that at least $2,500,000.00 should be raised for these purposes within the next five years and has appealed to the supporting synods for permission to conduct a campaign for that amount. This permission has been given at least tentatively by each of the synods and it is expected that our initial effort will be projected in the Synod of Florida during the fall of 1956. The campaign will be continued in each of the other synods as soon as the way is clear.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. BAILEY, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF LOUISVILLE SEMINARY
### to General Assembly, Presbyterian, U. S.

Louisville Seminary respectfully submits the following report for the academic year 1955-56:

#### I. STUDENTS

Enrollment went to another record high this year. The trend for the past decade is as follows:

| Year: | 1946 | 1948 | 1950 | 1952 | 1954 | 1956 |
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| Total: | 56 | 62 | 106 | 148 | 151 | 171 |

The current students are from 24 states and 4 foreign countries; 84 institutions previously attended. Denominationally, 144 are Presbyterian—77 U.S.A., 63 U.S., and 4 other; non-Presbyterian—27, representing 9 denominations. Married students number 127, and unmarried, 44. As of April 6, applications approved for entrance in September number 46. Two foreign students were lost by death during the year—Rev. Ismael Andrade, graduate student from Brazil, and Mr. Charles H. Johnson, senior from Liberia.

#### II. FACULTY

Dr. Harry Goodykoontz, Professor of Christian Education, is in Europe on Sabbatic leave during the second semester, and is engaged in writing a book on the ministry. Dean Norman A. Horner completed last fall the requirements for the Ph.D. degree at the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford Seminary, and is to receive the degree in May, 1956. On a Foundation Grant, the Board has given him special leave to visit and study the mission fields of the Presbyterian Churches in the countries of Latin America for two months during this summer. Dr. Horner was installed as Dean and Professor of Missions in September, 1955.

The Board has called the Rev. George R. Edwards, A.B. (Southwestern), B.D. (Louisville), Ph.D. (Duke), pastor of the Blacknall Memorial Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C., as Instructor in Bible, to begin his teaching in January, 1957. Dr. Edwards is 36 years old, and as a Patterson Scholar in seminary, he won the Junior English Bible Prize, the Grafton Trophy in Preaching, 1951, the Charles H. Pratt Prize in Field Work, a Rural Church Certificate, and the Walter Kennedy Patterson Fellowship in New Testament. He taught Elementary Greek courses in seminary two years. His doctor's thesis was a study of the Qumran Scrolls.

Members of the faculty have been requested to write, as a symposium for publication, a book based on the recently established Senior Seminar, *"Isms" the Minister Faces.*

#### III. FINANCES

On a budget of expenditures of $221,153.21, the Seminary has again managed to live within its income, and it is grateful to controlling synods for their continued support. The expanding service of the Seminary inevitably calls for increased support by the Church, and we earnestly request that such support be given in budgets adopted for the calendar year, 1957.

Capital funds receipts for endowment during the calendar year, 1955, were:

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| For Scholarship Funds | $11,935.00 |
| For the Library | 2,667.25 |
| For General Endowment | 600.00 |
| Life Annuities | 29,883.29 |
| TOTAL | $45,085.54 |

Cash receipts for the "Building Fund—New Campus" to March 15, 1956, aggregated $422,476.81. The completion of payments on pledges made in campaigns already conducted would bring this total to approximately $1,000,000.

The first stage in the development of the new plant is estimated to cost $2,162,632. This includes the land cost of 32 acres; one-half the grading, walks, roads, and plant-

ings contemplated; erection of the re-designed and enlarged academic quadrangle; erection of a Married Students' Apartment Building of 24 units; and architect's fees on this construction. This minimum is urgently needed in order to *begin* operation of the Seminary on the new campus, after which faculty housing, the Furlough Home for missionaries, student housing beyond needs of present enrollment, gymnasium and new equipment will be added as funds become available.

Synods in which campaigns have been conducted are asked to urge the prompt payment of pledges made. Synods in which campaigns have not yet been conducted, are requested to institute such campaigns at the earliest possible dates.

Following are some of the Memorial opportunities available in new buildings:

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| New Academic Wing | | $150,000 |
| 4 Halls in Apartment Bldg. | each | 75,000 |
| Cafeteria | | 50,000 |
| Library Reading Room | | 35,000 |
| 12 Faculty Houses | each | 30,000 |
| Recreation Room | | 20,000 |
| Directors-Faculty-Conference Room | | 12,000 |
| Archaeology Museum | | 10,000 |
| Private Dining Room | | 7,500 |
| 14 Double Dormitory Rooms | each | 6,000 |
| 30 Single Dormitory Rooms | each | 5,000 |
| 40 Memorial Windows | each | 200-5,000 |

### IV. DIRECTORS

New Directors elected since the last report are: Judge Hezzie B. Pike, Indianapolis, by the Synod of Kentucky, U.S.A.; Dr. Herbert H. Watson, St. Louis, by the Synod of Missouri; Mr. E. B. Van Keuren, Birmingham, by the U.S. Members of the Board; and Dr. Dewey R. Greenhoe, Sweetwater, Tennessee, by the Synod of Appalachia.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. CALDWELL, *President*

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## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA

Submits the following report for the session of 1955-1956 to the General Assembly:

### 1. FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

The most notable event of the year was the change in presidents. Dr. Benjamin Rice Lacy, Jr. retired from the office of President of the Seminary on January 16, 1956, after thirty years of distinguished service. During his tenure of office the student enrollment and the number of members serving in the Faculty have doubled. The plant facilities have been increased to accommodate the enlarged program of the Seminary. The value of endowments has tripled. One significant occasion marking the retirement of Dr. Lacy was a testimonial dinner given in his honor in the city of Richmond. Leaders from all walks of life in the city and in the controlling synods of the Seminary paid tribute to his outstanding service to the Church and his exceptional leadership, which brought the Seminary to a new level of excellence and to splendid prospects of continued service. Dr. Lacy has become the pastor of the College Church at Hampden-Sydney and Chaplain of the College.

On Wednesday, April 4, Dr. James A. Jones was inaugurated as third President of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Representatives from 150 academic institutions and from various courts of the Church were present to bring greetings and good wishes as this significant event in the life of the Seminary was marked.

Dr. William Taliaferro Thompson, the Robert and Lucy Reynolds Critz Professor

of Christian Education since 1920, and Dean of Instruction in the Faculty of the Seminary, retires on June 30, 1956. His unparalleled record as professor, counselor and friend of the students has endeared him to the whole Church. We are happy to report that he will make his home near the campus and will continue to be a part of the Seminary family. On May 17 the students and faculties of the Seminary and Training School gave a picnic honoring Dr. and Mrs. Thompson and presented to them a gift as evidence of their affection and esteem. At the Commencement Service the Trustees gave recognition to Dr. Thompson's outstanding service to the Seminary, to our Church, and to the field of Christian Education, and he was presented with two handsomely bound volumes of letters from his friends in the families of the Seminary and Training School and from among the pastorates he has served since his ordination to the ministry.

On May 22nd the Trustees of the Seminary elected the Reverend Benjamin Lacy Rose, B.A., B.D., Th.M., Th.D. as the first incumbent of The Benjamin Rice Lacy, Jr. Chair of Pastoral Leadership and Homiletics. Dr. Rose will begin his work in September of 1956. After graduation from Union Theological Seminary he served as pastor of the Chinquapin, Beulaville and Bethel churches of Wilmington Presbytery. He was a Chaplain in the Army of the United States from 1941-1946. He rendered distinguished service in the military forces and he has been called upon by the Secretary of the Army to conduct preaching missions in military installations since returning to the duties of the pastorate. He was pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol, Virginia, 1946-1954, and comes to the Seminary from the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, N. C.

The Seminary has been happy to have in its midst during the year an exchange "Fellow" from the Theological Faculty of Montpellier University in France. Mrs. Colette Preiss has been studying the operation of theological libraries here at Union and at other seminaries she has visited. In July she will return to her post as Librarian of the School of Theology of the University of Montpellier.

The Reverend H. McKennie Goodpasture has rendered valuable service during the year in the office of Assistant to the President. He has resigned his office as of July 1 to continue his study in Scotland. The Board of Trustees has approved the election of the Reverend David Rice Holt as his successor.

The Board of Trustees elected as a member of the Faculty the Reverend William B. Kennedy, who is now studying on a two-year Fellowship at Yale University. Mr. Kennedy will become a member of the Faculty, serving in the area of Christian Education. He expects to come to the campus for the academic term beginning in September 1957.

### 2. Students and Degrees

During the year there were 220 undergraduate students enrolled in the Seminary. Twelve of this number were doing interne work under pastors of various churches in our synods before returning to the Seminary to complete their degrees. Fifty men were enrolled in courses of post-graduate study, making a total enrollment of 270. Approximately 59% of the undergraduate students were married. We are faced with an acute problem in the matter of housing married students. Nearly forty men this year had to secure residence quarters away from the campus. The Board of Trustees hopes that funds for construction of additional apartment space can be secured in the near future so that married students may be more intimately related to the program of the Seminary. The students came from twenty states, four foreign countries, 116 literary institutions and 55 presbyteries.

It is the consensus of the Faculty that the students this year were above average in academic ability and attainment. Forty-two students were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This is the smallest graduating class the Seminary has had in a number of years. There were 70 men in the Middle Class; 80 Men in the Junior Class, and 17 Special students. It is anticipated that the enrolling class for the year 1956-1957 will be approximately 90 men. Eleven men earned the degree of Master of Theology and five men earned the degree of Doctor of Theology.

### 3. Special Lectures

A most successful Preaching Clinic was held during August 1955 under the direction of Dr. Robert W. Kirkpatrick. One hundred and twenty-three ministers attended. They

came to the campus from thirteen denominations, 26 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Special courses were taught by Dr. James S. Stewart of New College, Edinburgh University; Dr. Balmer H. Kelly of the Faculty of the Seminary; Dr. A. Hayden Hollingsworth of the Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, Virginia. The Preaching Clinic this summer will run from July 20 through August 10.

The James Sprunt Lectures in March 1956 were delivered by Dr. James Hastings Nichols, Professor of Church History of the Divinity School, University of Chicago. The auxiliary lecturers for the week were Dr. Paul F. Barackman and Dr. Marcus Barth. The Sprunt Lecturer for 1957 will be Dr. Charles B. Templeton, Secretary of Evangelism of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

### 4. Mid-Century Development Program

About 85% of the pledges to the Mid-Century Development Program have been paid. This means that approximately $425,000 in pledges still remain to be collected. It is hoped that many of the remainder will complete their pledges during the current year.

### 5. Improvements to the Physical Plant

An addition to the Library Building has been completed. This makes available some 60 additional study places, including eight tower studies for graduate students and visiting scholars. The sprinkler system in Richmond Hall Dormitory was completed. A residence at 3503 Seminary Avenue was purchased at a very reasonable price and has been occupied as the home of the President. The West Virginia building at Mission Court has now been in use for several months by missionaries on furlough. While this building belongs to Mission Court, it is a real asset to the life of the Seminary, making possible the presence of additional missionary families in our midst.

The residence at 3410 Chamberlayne Avenue, on the main quadrangle, will be converted into a dormitory this summer to house 14 student couples. A contract has been signed for the purchase of another faculty home quite close to the campus. This will replace a house now being rented for one of the professors.

### 6. Christian Vocation

The Annual Conference on Christian Vocation for invited college and university students was held March 16-18, 1956. A High School Conference on Church Vocations for students in the Synod of Virginia was held April 6-8 in cooperation with the Training School. This conference was specifically directed toward focusing the attention of these young people on the opportunities and needs of the church vocations. The Society of Missionary Inquiry held a one-day conference on World Missions, April 27. The Seminary and Training School cooperated with the Synod's Committee on Men's Work to entertain the first Convocation for Ministers, Elders and Deacons sponsored by the Synod's Committee on Men's Work. This conference was held the last weekend in May.

An important advance in the area of public relations has been the designation of Miss Elizabeth McKnight as full-time director of "The Friends of the Seminary." She has been very active in carrying the program of the Seminary to meetings throughout our four controlling synods, informing the members of our churches about Union Seminary, the work it is doing in training men for the Gospel ministry, and the opportunities which must be brought to fruition in the immediate future if the tremendous need for more ministers is to be met in time.

### 7. Finance

The year was closed with a few dollars surplus. The addition of two new professors in 1957 will require new income to keep the budget balanced. The prospects of continued rapid growth in enrollment will necessitate more buildings to house students, more faculty and more classrooms.

Respectfully submitted by order of the

Board of Trustees,

M. W. Norfleet, Jr., *Secretary*

# XIII. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS TO THE 1956 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Council on Christian Relations would draw the attention of the General Assembly to a number of developments in the area of Christian Relations during the past year. The influx of industry into the South has continued at a rapid pace, resulting in a movement of population from rural to urban centers. The movement of industry to the South has increased the need for labor-management relationships on the basis of mutual understanding and respect. This points up the need for the church to be concerned with the welfare of people whether in labor or in management, in order that these people may have a common basis for mutual understanding and respect.

The past year has seen increased racial tension in certain states of the South. Several incidents have done damage to relationships between the races which have led, in some cases, to a loss of communication between them. A number of ministers have been both directly and indirectly compelled to reliquish their pastorates for other churches or for other fields of labor because of the pressure from their congregations and communities. Efforts to curb freedom of assembly and of speech have made their appearance in a number of areas. This is to be greatly deplored, inasmuch as such action is out of harmony both with our Presbyterian heritage and the American ideal of freedom. There have been numerous examples of courageous witnessing both by pastors and by laymen to their Christian commitment to Christ and His Church. The area of race relations continues to be one in which all Christians are called upon to use every opportunity for lessening tension and for creating good will and understanding. The Church may well be the factor which will determine the future of the South.

One encouraging report relating to Citizenship is that Phenix City, Alabama, has been voted the *Number One* City in America in achievement during the past year, which helps us to see what an aroused community can do in overcoming wickedness in high places.

Christians are being tested today as they have not been tested in a long while. If the Church, being weighed in the balance, is not found wanting during these days of opportunity, we can be encouraged to believe that the much hoped-for spiritual awakening has begun. God grant that this may be so.

## THE CHURCH'S RELATIONSHIP TO COMMUNITY DELINQUENCY PROBLEMS

This report of the Council on Christian Relations to the General Assembly grows out of the action taken by the 1955 General Assembly, namely, "That Overture 46, from the Presbytery of Lexington, relative to liquor advertising, crime programs on radio and television, and objectionable comic books, be referred to the Council on Christian Relations for study and report to the 1956 General Assembly." The Council feels that this points to the more inclusive problem of community delinquency, and therefore presents this year the report entitled: "The Church's Relationship to Community Delinquency Problems."

While the major portion of this report will be concerned with delinquency among youth, it is the conviction of the Council that juvenile delinquency is an evidence of adult failures and will be presented as such. Judge Julius H. Miner, Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill., states: "Although public opinion is inclined to indict youth alone, the real fault lies elsewhere. Before a youngster has committed a crime, some adult has been guilty of a worse offense in neglecting to guide him properly. The flood of crime is the inescapable result of someone's failure to teach God's Word to these potential juvenile delinquents and to the current young violators doomed to be our next bumper crop of hardened prisoners."[1]

We face this problem with the realization that the basic cause of all delinquency, in both adults and young people, is human depravity expressing itself in rebellion against the Sovereign Will of God for man and society. Underlying this report is our profound

[1]From an article entitled: "Crime and Juvenile Delinquency: Two of Our Greatest National Problems" by Judge Julius H. Miner, published in American Bar Association Journal, July, 1955.

conviction that the regeneration of the individual by divine grace is the foundation of all true reformation of social relationships.

In this complex age problems of delinquency are the responsibility of the Church, the State, and numerous social welfare agencies. An effort is made in this report to present the problem of delinquency and some of its causes and to suggest a workable approach toward the solution of the problem.

## CAUSES OF DELINQUENCY

What are some of the major causes of delinquency among the youth of a community?

1. *Home Conditions*

The greatest contributing factor in juvenile delinquency is the failure of the home, which expresses itself in many ways:

a. It may be a lack of decent housing conditions. Crowded and ill-kept living quarters are not conducive to the production of fruits of righteousness. It should be pointed out, however, that delinquency is not confined to homes in a low income bracket but is found in homes of every economic condition.

b. Adult disrespect for law is a powerful factor in the rise of juvenile delinquency. Too often children discover that adults will on occasion seek to evade or to ignore the law. It may be on the highway where various devices are used to outwit the traffic officer. It may be in the preparation of income tax returns. It may be a failure to lend assistance to law enforcement officers as they seek to carry out their responsibilities in the local community. If the adult can do this, why cannot the juvenile?

c. Much of the delinquency today comes out of homes which have been broken. Approximately 4 out of 10 marriages now end in the divorce courts. In such homes the feeling of insecurity and loneliness sometimes gives way to rebellion and bitterness which finds expression in acts of delinquency.

d. Recognizing that the alcohol problem is a symbol of a deeper need in the life of people, it yet remains as one of the factors which often is found in the problem of juvenile delinquency. Friction and tension, resulting sometimes in distrust, estrangement and even divorce, can often be traced to the alcohol evil as an important factor. It is only natural that the children in such a home would have a feeling of insecurity and develop attitudes which might lead to some form of delinquency.

e. Family life in America faces a difficulty which has developed from our economy. In addition to the fact that fathers often have to be away from home, it has been estimated that there are 19,000,000 working mothers in America.[2] This means that a great many children do not have the opportunity to know their parents and to have the benefit of their companionship and counsel to any degree. There has also been a marked decline in regular family worship which is essential to Christian life and character. The child, if young, is left with a baby-sitter; if older, he is left to be alone or to roam in the community. This condition is produced both by the economic factor and by the multiplicity of activities which engage both parents and children during off-hours. These circumstances present a formidable problem to countless homes in America today. Many of our youth are being deprived of parental love and guidance.

f. Lack of discipline, or improper discipline, is a factor in most cases of juvenile delinquency. Unless the child learns to share in the give-and-take of the home, accepting responsibility for the good of the other members of the household, it is not likely that he will be properly prepared for life outside the home. Failure, too, of parents to agree on the handling of problems of discipline causes uncertainty, fear, and sometimes resentment which may be expressed by anti-social attitudes and action on the part of the child.

g. Some problems are especially relevant to families in the upper and middle income brackets. It sometimes happens that parents who have been faithful in giving their children many social and material advantages, have failed to teach them to have a reverence for life, and for those things which represent life. A child, for example, must be made aware of the meaning of money before he can be expected to use it honestly

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[2]William C. Kvaracous *The Community and the Delinquent* World Book Company, N.Y., 1954, p. 239.

and helpfully. He must be enabled to adjust himself happily to the financial status of his home, and helped to practice stewardship in every area of life. There are cases where a young person in an effort to retain his or her social standing among wealthier friends has been tempted to take what belongs to another.

h. The lack of Christian faith and experience on the part of parents is a fundamental cause for the failure of the home to produce law-abiding citizens. Character is based upon the recognition of spiritual values. The Christian believer is motivated in his life by the desire to know and to do God's will. Lacking Christian faith and experience delinquency may occur in any home. "Like father, like son" is more than a fantasy; it is a fact. Christian faith on the part of the parents is evidenced by their daily family worship and by their daily living in the relationships of the home. This makes for wholesome living on the part of the children. Regardless of the economic status of the family delinquency will seldom be found in a home whose members demonstrate mutual love and respect, and in which the child is given a sense of belonging.

2. *Community Conditions*

a. Irresponsible community leadership can contribute both directly and indirectly to delinquency. If the leadership of a community, through ignorance or indifference, fails to recognize the needs of youth and to provide for them, an atmosphere is created in which delinquency may flourish.

b. A community without sufficient facilities for the physical, cultural and educational development of youth will be likely to produce delinquency. Where such facilities are lacking it follows that unwholesome places of entertainment are more apt to be frequented and peddlers of dope and pornographic literature more likely to have a greater patronage.

c. Cultural, economic and racial discrimination in a community aid and abet delinquency. It is not too difficult to understand why this is so. If a community discriminates against a segment of people because of cultural, economic or racial differences, those people are to that extent not recognized as truly belonging to the community. This rejection by the community leads to a sense of frustration and futility, which sometimes gives way to rebellion on the part of the individual. Young people are especially sensitive to this treatment by a community.

3. *Other Contributing Factors*

a. *Mass Media of Communication.* We are living in a day when there are 135 million radio sets and 40 million television sets in the land. Motion pictures are found in every town and hamlet of the nation. Newsstands with literature within the reach of every pocketbook are found at the corner drugstore. This is the day of mass communication, and this is good. However, this opens the channel for any idea, good or bad, to come into the living room of most of the homes of our nation. There is the problem of crime stories, sex and murder pictures, drinking scenes and horror and crime comics. A great many educators and students of child behavior believe that all of these elements contribute to delinquency.

b. *Modern Means of Transportation.* The most recent figures indicate that soon there will be 61 million motor vehicles on the nation's highways. The prediction is made by the American Automobile Association that by 1970 this figure will be increased to 81 million. How does this enter into the problem of delinquency? As in the case of modern means of communication, the motor vehicle can be a great blessing, but it also increases the temptation to and opportunity for evil.

4. *Individual Failure*

The delinquent himself is morally responsible for his behavior. Every individual is endowed with a sense of right and wrong. This sense can be perverted, but the delinquent must be held accountable for allowing this condition to develop. This does not in any way relieve the home, the community and the Church of their responsibility in permitting conditions to develop that lead weak and immature minds astray, or for giving that encouragement and help which will enable the individual to live as a Christian citizen.

The causes of delinquency and contributing factors which have been listed are intended in no way to be exhaustive, but rather as outstanding and especially pertinent in this context.

## PREVENTION OF DELINQUENCY

1. *Responsibility of the Church*

The problem of delinquency is a complex one and must have the attention of a concerned community if it is to be solved. The Church is the key factor in producing a concerned community. The Church is, or should be, the conscience of society. It is "salt" and "leaven" and "light," and if genuinely concerned such a group could revolutionize the life of every community in the nation.

a. *The Church as a Fellowship.* Delinquency is anti-social. Frequently it is rebellion against society because of a real or imaginary hostile act committeed by that society. People must be led to understand the nature and mission of the Church, a fellowship of redeemed sinners and a redemptive fellowship. The conception of the Church as a fellowship of the redeemed must be held by the local congregation. Therefore every opportunity should be used for furthering and strengthening this conception. Among such channels the following are suggested:

(1) *The Prophetic Ministry of the Pastor.* Part of the ministry of the pastor is concerned with proclaiming the truth which has been revealed in Holy Scripture for the redemption of man both in his individual and corporate life. In so doing the pastor should make faith relevant. The truth which he proclaims must be related to contemporary life in such a way that the local congregation will see and feel its social responsibility. In particular the minister should call attention to evils which encourage delinquency and should support positive efforts to afford youth opportunities for wholesome fellowship and recreation. The enlightened laymen often will help the pastor to see new areas of responsibility. As this concern grows in the life of the congregation an atmosphere will be created which will encourage and promote a wholesome community.

(2) *The Reception of Members.* Some churches in their eagerness to receive new members into their fellowship have failed to give adequate guidance and continuing instruction concerning the social implications of commitment to Christ. As we give more thoughtful attention to this need many of the social problems being confronted today will be less complex and less difficult to solve.

(3) *The Teaching Ministry of the Church.* In His commission to the Church Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples (learners) of all the nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." One of the tragedies of our age is that finding ourselves thrust into the midst of complex social and economic problems we have not sufficient grounding in the teachings of Jesus to bear a Christian witness to the world, or else we have not been convinced that His teaching is indispensable. The teaching program of the Church should not be limited to any one group. It is a necessity for young and old alike. The Church School should make the teachings of Christ relevant to the needs of the community and not least to the prevention and cure of delinquency. The men, the women, the young people of the Church should include consideration of this topic in their programs. If the educational effort of the Church is to prove effective in this area, members of the Church must be informed as to the situation regarding delinquency in their particular community. Such information may be secured from the Judge of the Juvenile Court, Family Service agencies, and other social welfare organizations.

(4) *Common Worship.* Whenever and wherever people come together for worship the "tie that binds" is strengthened. Before the throne of grace the greatness of God emphasizes the pettiness of human barriers and the true unity of believers in Christ.

b. *The Church at Work.* If the Church is truly a fellowship of the sons and daughters of God, certain activities will follow which bear directly upon the problem of delinquency.

(1) The Church will be eager to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with every person in the community. This we call evangelism. This is the Good News of redemption, both individual and social. The Church will call people—all people—to redemption, accepting the Lordship of Christ, because of God's infinite mercy. People will want to belong to such a fellowship, because they are truly wanted.

(2) The Church will provide an atmosphere and facilities for meeting the physical, cultural and spiritual needs of people in the local community. Voluntary workers for these various purposes are available to almost every church. Some churches employ a full-time director of recreation with adequate facilities at his disposal. Some

churches reach the family by ministering to the children in a health clinic. Others employ a part-time or full-time social worker. The type of service rendered by the Church is determined by the needs in a particular community.

When the Church has made every effort to fulfill its function in the community there will still be those boys and girls who because of their early experiences need special care. The Church should explore the possibility of providing for the care of children with special problems.

(3) The Church will be active in the reclamation of delinquents in the community. This is important for two reasons: It will save the individual and it will prevent others from becoming delinquent. The Church in a community is best suited to give encouragement and guidance to one who has missed the mark. A simple plan is to have someone who will assume responsibility for giving attention and care to the individual involved. This is a very important time in the life of the young person.

(4) As far as possible the Church should provide specialized services for those who have need of help. In almost every congregation there are some families and individuals who need counseling or psychiatric treatment. Many churches through an alert pastor can refer special cases to community agencies with trained personnel and adequate facilities. Some families will need financial help or its equivalent. It should be possible for churches in the larger cities to set up health and psychiatric clinics for the benefit of boys and girls who might otherwise be denied the benefit of this service. If the Church is faithful in meeting these and other needs there will be developed a strong love for and loyalty to the Church. If neglected, some will become estranged from the Church. In short, the Church must be alert to the needs of all people, especially those of the household of faith, and be prepared to meet them.

(5) Inasmuch as delinquency is closely related to home and family life the Church should promote activities which will bring families together. Some churches follow the custom of having families sit together at worship services. Others have a regularly planned family-night at the church. In an age when families have difficulty in being together, it would be helpful for churches to re-evaluate their program to see whether unwittingly they may be contributing in part to the fragmentation of family life through a continuing multiplicity of meetings which demand the presence of one or more members of the family.

(6) The Church should cooperate with other community agencies in the prevention of delinquency and in the reclamation of delinquents. In large communities it is almost necessary to cooperate with other agencies if the delinquent is to be restored. He may need the services of a doctor or psychiatrist. His may be a family problem necessitating the services of a family welfare agency. He may need the help furnished by a Boys' Club or Boy Scout group. Working with other interested and sympathetic agencies the delinquent in most cases can be reclaimed.

2. *Responsibility of the Individual*

No church or community is any stronger than the individuals who compose them. One often hears public morals being deplored. The government, local or national, is a favorite target. The average citizen seems to take for granted that there is nothing much that he can do personally to improve conditions. The fact is that power lies ultimately with the individual, and the individual is responsible for the present and future state of his community. A concerned individual can initiate a movement which will in time work miracles in the life of a people. Bearing upon the problem of delinquency the concerned individual has a responsibility and opportunity in the following areas:

a. *Contacts with Youth.* Most Christians have opportunities to be of help to some boy or girl through their personal contacts with them. One concerned Christian can reach a great many other individuals during the course of a year.

b. *The Public School.* Some authorities contend that the key to the solution of the delinquency problem in a community is to be found in its public schools. States S. P. Hair, Chief of Child Case Bureau in Virginia: "The public school through its visiting teacher and other programs, if such services are provided, has a tremendous contribution to make. The public school usually is the first community agency that recognizes social maladjustments in children. The quality of the services rendered by the school to its maladjusted pupils directly affects the ratio of the overall community problem of

juvenile delinquency. The more varied the program and services of the public school as shown through the work of visiting teachers, attendance officers, clinical personnel, and a varied academic program, the fewer school and community misfits."

c. *Public Recreation.* It has been shown beyond reasonable doubt that boys and girls if given a chance to use their time profitably will have less desire to take part in activities leading toward delinquency. Many communities have not provided for the leisure hours of boys and girls. The average community in the South can promote a program of recreation which would prevent much delinquency. Usually any one group, as for example a church, does not have the means to do this. Therefore, the groups within the community must cooperate if there is to be an adequate recreational program. In any community where adequate recreational facilities are not provided, one person with vision and determination can be the means of starting the process which will ultimately result in the meeting of this need.

d. *Court and Police Agencies.* There are one or more of four agencies in the community supported by the taxpayer which deal directly with the delinquent boy and girl. These agencies are the police, the detention home, the juvenile court, and the training school or reformatory.

Most children who are charged with delinquency are apprehended in the first place by the *police.* This first encounter with the police may be a determining factor in the future of the child. Much will depend upon the attitude and training of this policeman. Apart from the fact that a policeman may act as a counselor in preventing a young person from getting into trouble, he may also help the delinquent to see that he is a friend.

The *detention home* is a place where the child may stay until a decision is made concerning his case. Two needs should be met in the detention home, namely, good physical accommodations and trained supervision.

The *juvenile court* is in fact a place of adjudication. It is just as much a court as a superior court, but there are good and bad juvenile courts. The judge should be trained for his office. The court should have the services of a case worker, a psychiatrist, and a psychologist. The delinquent should be treated not as a criminal but as a human being in need of a helping hand.

The *training school* or *reformatory* should be used only as a last resort for those who have been apprehended and brought before the court. The value of this institution for the child depends almost entirely on the staff personnel. It is taken for granted that such an institution will be made homelike, as far as possible.

Just as it is important for the individual Christian and Church to give guidance to the delinquent who returns to the community, the tax-supported institution must be prepared to lend its assistance in restoring the delinquent to a normal relationship to his community. Christian citizens therefore should be concerned that each of the agencies and institutions mentioned above should be provided with adequate facilities and properly staffed personnel. Members of the Church should consider service on such agencies as a Christian vocation, manifesting Christ's love for the least of these His brethren.

e. *Wholesome Environment.*

(1) In some communities there are slum areas which constitute a threat to the physical and moral welfare of the entire community. These areas will be taken for granted unless some concerned individual does something about it. The average American community today will respond to a call for the welfare of people when confronted with the facts. Again and again, slum clearance has had its inception with an aroused individual.

(2) Many communities have unwholesome places where youth as well as adults gather. They constitute public nuisances and in some instances openly defy the law. If allowed freedom the entire community will be affected by these danger spots. Every individual has a responsibility in helping to remove these anti-social establishments.

f. *Public Office and Service.* There comes times when a Christian must accept public office if he is to accept his full social responsibility. It is easy to criticize those who are in public office. This is a well known democratic process. Unless, however, an individual is willing to consider the claims of public office upon himself or to be active in placing capable and dedicated leaders in places of responsibility, he has little right to criticize those who are in public office.

This report has dealt not so much with specifics in solving community delinquency but with those factors which determine which way a community will go. Any particular community usually will be what Christian citizens want it to be. In the last analysis the community is determined by the vision and dedication of the Church. No one of us can evade this responsibility.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me . . .
Truly, I say to you, as you did it to
one of the least of these my brethren,
you did it to me."
—Matthew 25:35, 36, 40 (R.S.V.)

Respectfully submitted,

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## XIV. STANDING RULES

### 1. ORGANIZATION

(1) The normal date for the annual meeting of the General Assembly shall be the last Thursday in April. The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly will select the place of meeting after opportunity has been given to those who wish to extend invitations. The Permanent Committee shall select places in different parts of the Church from time to time when circumstances seem to warrant it. In the event of an emergency which prevents the meeting at the place selected, the Moderator shall designate a place of meeting.

(2) The General Assembly shall be self-entertaining.

(3) The Assembly shall be opened with a sermon preached by the retiring Moderator. The Lord's Supper will be observed after the sermon at 11 o'clock a.m. Sunday.

(4) After the reading by the Stated Clerk of the roll of the commissioners present and enrolled by him, a Moderator shall be elected. Nominations for Moderator shall be received but only one speech not exceeding ten minutes in length nominating a commissioner for Moderator shall be made; and only one speech seconding a nomination not exceeding five minutes in length shall be made.

(5) After all nominations have been made and seconded, the Assembly shall proceed to the election of a Moderator in the following manner: If more than one commissioner is nominated, the election shall be by ballot. The Stated Clerk shall have suitable blank ballots prepared and cause same to be distributed among the commissioners for use in the election. The Stated Clerk shall appoint two tellers to count and tabulate the vote and report the tabulation to him. The ballots of the enrolled commissioners shall be collected and delivered to the tellers by commissioners appointed by the presiding officer for such purpose. If there are more than two nominees and no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be called; but all of the nominees except the two receiving the largest number of votes shall be dropped on the second ballot. An election shall be declared by the Moderator when a nominee

shall have received a majority of the votes cast by the commissioners present and voting. As soon as the Moderator shall have been elected, he shall assume his duties as Moderator.

(6) In the election of the Moderator the tellers shall retire to an anteroom and count the ballots, bringing back the results to the Assembly.

### 2. The Moderator

(1) The Moderator shall preside at all sessions of the Assembly except when he may temporarily invite a commissioner to act as Presiding Officer; he shall appoint all committees unless the Assembly otherwise prescribes; he shall call the succeeding Assembly to order and preside over its sessions until a Moderator is elected as provided by the rules in the Book of Church Order.

(2) The Moderator shall appoint five assistants, whose duty it shall be (a) to assist the Moderator in preserving decorum in the Assembly and adjoining halls; (b) to distribute reports of standing committees; (c) to cooperate in any other manner requested by the Moderator.

(3) The General Assembly recognizes the value of ad interim service by the Moderator and approves his undertaking of one or more itineraries which shall bring him before representative ecclesiastical gatherings in various parts of the Church.

(4) Where feasible, the local church, or other employing agency, is requested to grant the Moderator a leave, or leaves, of absence aggregating not more than two months for such itinerating service. The General Assembly shall provide funds to defray expenses as follows: (a) Travel and entertainment on such itineraries. (b) The necessary compensation for a substitute, or substitutes, to carry on the regular duties of the Moderator's normal task, the maximum of such compensation to be at the rate of $600 per month.

(5) All invitations and arrangements relating to such itineraries shall be made through the Office of the General Assembly to the end that the Moderator's time be not dissipated, but that it may be devoted economically to the best interests of the church-at-large.

(6) The Moderator shall have the following committee assignments: Chairman of Program and Worship Committees; Member of General Council and *ex officio* member of Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations.

### 3. Stated Clerk

(1) The Stated Clerk shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The election shall be the first order on the morning of the second day of the Assembly. The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly is allowed to nominate the Stated Clerk to the General Assembly with the understanding that further nominations are always in order and that this arrangement will take effect only after the vacating of the position of Stated Clerk by the present incumbent. He shall perform all the duties required of him by the Book of Church Order and by the Standing Rules of the Assembly and such other duties as may be imposed on him by the Assembly.

The General Assembly of 1955 abolished the office of Assistant Stated Clerk and the Stated Clerk was given the privilege of nominating to the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly for its approval an Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

(a) The Stated Clerk shall list all communications and present them in an orderly manner, suggesting the proper reference and, when necessary, suggesting the time for the consideration of each communication.

(b) As Stated Clerk, he shall keep the minutes of the Assembly, and be custodian of all books, papers and documents of the Assembly, and prepare and supervise the printing of the minutes and distribution of the minutes and documents required to be printed and distributed.

(c) He shall be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Assembly and shall receive all funds. He shall pay out funds only on order of the Assembly. He shall make full statement of receipts and disbursements annually to the Assembly. He shall also serve as Treasurer of the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies.

(d) He shall serve on the Assembly's Committee on the Minister and His Work, conducting the work in accordance with the action of the Assembly on this subject. He shall also be *ex officio* member of the Permanent Judicial Committee and Permanent Committee on Interchurch Relations.

(2) The salary of the Stated Clerk shall be determined by the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. The same rule applies to the Assistant to the Stated Clerk and all other staff members.

(3) In event the office of Stated Clerk becomes vacated for any reason, the Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall nominate to the Moderator a person to serve as Acting Stated Clerk, and after consideration of such nomination, the Moderator shall appoint an Acting Stated Clerk to perform the duties of the Stated Clerk until his successor has been elected and qualified to serve.

### 4. Blue Book

(1) All reports of permanent committees except reports printed by the various agencies, all ad interim committees and special committees and all reports of outside organizations which make an annual report to the Assembly shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly by February 25, and all overtures by February 25 in each year; provided further, no overture received by such Stated Clerk after April 10 shall be referred to or considered by such meeting of the General Assembly convening in April of that year.

(2) The Stated Clerk shall print in the Blue Book the reports of all permanent committees, except those submitting printed reports, all ad interim committees and reports of such outside bodies as make an annual report, and select committees. He shall also print the overtures, having previously classified and numbered them for presentation to the Assembly. He shall also print a full and complete docket in the Blue Book, which shall be the docket for the Assembly each year.

(3) The Stated Clerk shall prepare a manual for the benefit of new commissioners, particularly laymen, to be printed in the Blue Book. It shall include sections on (a) how the Assembly operates; (b) the most used parliamentary rules; (c) the duties and responsibilities of each standing committee; (d) hints and comments that will be helpful.

### 5. Standing Committees

(1) The number of standing committees shall be limited as follows: Bills and Overtures; Judicial Business; Office of the General Assembly; General Council; World Missions; Church Extension; Christian Education; Annuities and Relief; Women's Work; Interchurch Relations; Presbyterian Survey; Christian Relations; Christianity and Health; and Minister and His Work.

(2) The planned docket for Friday and Saturday mornings—a total of eight hours—shall be set aside for the meetings of the Standing Committees.

(3) The Standing Committees shall be named in the following manner:

Prior to the meeting of the General Asembly the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing through which each commissioner shall be placed on a standing committee in as fair and equitable manner as possible. The mechanics of the operation shall be as follows:

(a) When the commissioner is elected by the presbytery, he shall fill in a printed 3 x 5 card, showing his first, second, third and fourth choices among the standing committees. (Alternates will have to accept the choice of their predecessors if the drawings have been completed.)

(b) The card shall be given to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery. (The commissioner is thus given several months in which he may study the work of his preferred committees.)

(c) Six weeks (four weeks deadline) before the General Assembly meets, the clerk of the Presbytery shall verify the correctness of the cards and mail them to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

(d) Three weeks before the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall conduct a drawing. The total number of commissioners shall be divided by the number of committees to ascertain the number of men who will serve on each. As each name is drawn, the sequence number shall be written on a card, and the card placed in the first choice

shown. When the quota is reached for any committee, the second choice on the card drawn will dictate the particular committee. If the quota for the second choice is filled, then the card shall be placed with the third choice of the particular commissioner and so on.

(e) No more than one minister and one layman from a presbytery shall be placed on a particular committee; if such occurs in the drawing the next choice shown on the card shall be honored.

(f) The drawing shall provide for equal lay and ministerial membership on the committees.

(g) The last cards drawn shall be used to fill in the quotas of the unfilled committees. The nearest quotas shall be filled first.

(h) Two weeks before the General Assembly meets, the Stated Clerk shall mail the cards back to the individual commissioners. The cards will show the sequence number in the drawing and the committee to which he is assigned.

(i) Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the retiring Moderator.

(4) No partial report from a standing committee, except from the Committees on Judicial Business and Interchurch Relations, shall be received by the Assembly without the consent of the Assembly. All reports of committees shall be typewritten in three copies by the Assembly's stenographers; and proofread by the chairman of the committee reporting. The duties of the chairman of a committee shall not be completed until he has edited carefully his committee's report, after it is typewritten, for errors in phraseology and grammar, and shall have filed the required number of copies of the report with the Stated Clerk. The chairman of each committee shall also, after the Assembly shall have acted on the report presented by him, incorporate therein at the proper place each amendment made by the Assembly to the report.

(5) The report of a standing committee to the Assembly shall be as brief and concise as the recommendations of a committee will permit. The report shall contain a brief preamble of the questions acted on by the committee and the conclusions and recommendations of the committee. Extracts and quotations from reports of an executive committee, a permanent committee, or an ad interim committee shall be avoided except when required to make the report intelligible. Overtures shall be answered by reference to the number of the overture and a brief statement of its substance.

(6) The policy of the Assembly shall be to have official representatives of its agencies present during all Standing Committee meetings for consultative purposes, except at those times when in the judgment of the committees an "executive session" is demanded; to that end the agencies of the Assembly are instructed to have, in addition to the executives, at least one official representative present for such meetings with the committees from among the members of the boards and agencies. (1952, p. 96)

### 6. Budget and Authorized Expenditures

(1) The Permanent Committee on the Office of the General Assembly shall make an estimate of the probable expenses of the Assembly based upon an estimated budget of expenses submitted by the Treasurer and recommend per capita dues to cover the same.

(2) All requests or recommendations for appropriation for expenses of any organization or council which shall come to the Assembly shall be placed in the hands of this committee. It shall make full report, recommending in detail the items for which funds are requested, which report, if adopted, the items recommended shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Assembly. A recommendation that the budget of estimated expenses submitted by the Standing Committee on the Office of the General Assembly be adopted shall carry the authority for payment of the items in said report.

(3) The audits of all boards, divisions and permanent committees, trustees and treasurer of the Assembly shall be submitted to the standing committee on this cause for approval. All proposed standing rules or changes in standing rules shall be submitted to this committee for approval before adoption by the Assembly.

The Treasurer shall pay annually without any further special orders from the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly:

(a) The expenses of the chairman of an ad interim or permanent committee in attending the Assembly shall be paid by the Assembly when the committee of which he is chairman vote that the report is of sufficient importance as to require the attendance of the chairman and when the committee shall so notify the Stated Clerk.

(b) The expenses of our representatives to the National Council of Churches (General Board and General Assembly), World Council of Churches, and World Presbyterian Alliance. The Treasurer is directed to set aside each year the amount of $2,000 for the payment of these expenses. This fund shall be cumulative.

(c) The designated funds embraced within the General Fund and Interchurch Agencies.

### 7. OVERTURES

(1) The Stated Clerk shall pass on routine overtures received by him as a matter of course. Any overtures affecting ecclesiastical rules and polity should be referred by him to the Permanent Judicial Committee prior to the meeting of the Assembly in order that the Permanent Judicial Committee may give to the standing committee considering the overtures its judgment concerning the background in polity and rules of the church with which the overtures may be concerned.

(2) Under each overture printed in the Blue Book the name of the standing committee to which it is referred as recommended by the Stated Clerk shall be published. If there is no objection, they shall be referred as a whole, as recommended, without formal vote on the part of the General Assembly.

(3) No overture will be considered by the Assembly until it has first been presented to a presbytery or a synod. If the overture is approved by a presbytery or a synod it will then come before the Assembly as an overture from that presbytery or synod. If the overture is rejected by the presbytery or the synod, it may then be presented to the Assembly, but the fact that it has been presented to a presbytery or a synod must be clearly stated on the overture.

See also Standing Rule 4 (1).

### 8. LISTING AND REFERRING REPORTS

(1) In like manner he shall list and present without reading all reports of permanent committees (except those presenting printed reports), ad interim and special commitees (all of which are printed in full in the Blue Book), which shall be referred to proper standing committees or disposed of immediately as the Assembly may elect. In case these reports are to be considered directly by the Assembly, the Stated Clerk shall suggest a time on the docket when each report shall be considered.

(2) If the chairman or representative of a permanent, ad interim or special committee wishes to be heard in connection with the report, such privilege shall be limited to a statement not to exceed five minutes, and in no case shall a report which is in printed form be read in full.

(3) Secretaries of boards, divisions and others with printed reports shall present these reports directly to their respective standing committees.

(4) The annual statistical reports from the presbyteries shall be delivered to the Stated Clerk on or before February 15 of each year. The annual reports of the boards, and permanent committees shall all be bound together in a separate pamphlet for distribution, together with such other reports which the General Assembly may order to be bound with the annual reports. Synopses of these reports shall be omitted from the Appendix to the printed copy of the Minutes of the Assembly.

### 9. MEETINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

(1) The Stated Clerk shall have charge of all arrangements for the meeting and entertainment of the Assembly. He shall secure, if possible, special railroad rates and accommodations and supervise all other matters for the comfort and convenience of the commissioners.

(See also Rule 1.)

### 10. COMMISSIONERS

(1) Items to be included in the expenses of the commissioners as chargeable to the Assembly shall be:

a. The lowest railroad fare by direct route.

b. Pullman fare.

c. Cost of meals en route.

d. Taxi fare and other incidental transportation.

e. Auto travel at four cents per mile by direct route for driver; commissioners who are passengers in car driven by another commissioner, 1 cent per mile.

f. Air travel at cost for distances of 400 miles or over.

(2) Presbyteries are requested to consider the advisability of electing lay commissioners for a term of two years; one-half of the commissioners to be elected each year, preferably at the fall meeting.

(3) Expense checks shall be paid to the commissioners only after attending the General Assembly through the adjournment of the concluding session. Any exception to this rule must be in the nature of an emergency, and the commissioner requesting an exception must present the case for his excuse to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly or its designated agent in such matters for ratification and consent.

### 11. PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(1) The Program Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the Moderator of the preceding Assembly, the Stated Clerk, and in the event the Assembly meets in a church, the pastor of the church entertaining the Assembly. This committee shall act as a Steering Committee and shall present to the Assembly each morning an order of procedure for the day.

(2) The Program Committee shall prepare a tentative docket for the General Assembly embracing all the business expected to come before the Assembly, and including all popular and inspirational features. All requests for addresses before the General Assembly shall be presented first to this committee.

(3) The Program Committee shall act as a steering committee for the Assembly and recommend necessary changes in the docket as the need arises. As far as possible all requested changes in the docket shall be presented to the Assembly through the Program Committee. Recommendations for such changes shall ordinarily be presented by the Program Committee at the beginning of the morning or afternoon sessions.

(4) The docket shall be planned by the Program Committee for a period of from three and a half to four days, excluding Sunday.

(5) The planned docket for each day shall be limited to four hours in the morning; four hours in the afternoon, and one and one-half hours in the evening, a total of nine and one-half hours.

(6) All inspirational features or addresses shall be placed on the evening program (excepting on Sunday), and the daytime be devoted entirely to business.

(7) The Assembly, having for its chief business the consideration of the interests that are vital to its own growth and development, instructs its Program Committee not to arrange for more than one speaker for each outside body which desires to be heard on any matter not vital to full and correct understanding of its own business and its relation to these bodies.

The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of this action to all persons and bodies outside the Assembly who may make request for time to present their interests.

### 12. PRINTED MINUTES

(1) The official minutes of a court are the original minutes prepared by the Temporary Clerk or the Assistant Clerk, adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk. If the Stated Clerk, before signing the original minutes discovers that the copy of these original minutes prepared by the Temporary or Assistant Clerk in typewritten or written form for use of the Stated Clerk in printing the minutes is incorrect by reason of any clerical oversight or typographical error, he shall be authorized to make

such corrections as shall make the typewritten or written copy correspond in all respects with the original minutes or notes from which such typewritten or written form was prepared.

Further, if it be discovered that in the printed copy of the minutes there are certain typographical errors which make the printed minutes of the court vary from the original minutes adopted by the court and signed by the Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk shall give official notice through the press or through the court concerned of the typographical errors, which notice shall be sufficient authority for those possessing copies of the printed minutes to make the printed copy correspond with the original minutes.

(2) The Stated Clerk is authorized to revise the phraseology of all papers adopted by the General Assembly and to make corrections in the spelling of proper names, initials, the totals of figures and other minor changes, provided that in no case shall he so change the phraseology as to alter the meaning. The minutes, as finally approved by the General Assembly, shall in no case be altered or changed by the Stated Clerk.

(3) The Stated Clerk is authorized in printing the various reports of our seminaries, for the sake of economy, to leave out the less essential matter, and to print only the heart and substance of each report.

(4) The Stated Clerk is instructed to send a copy of the Minutes to each minister, licentiate and to the rising seniors and graduates of our theological seminaries, to the ruling elder commissioners who attend the Assembly, to the foreign missionaries whose membership is in foreign presbyteries, to all the members of the General Council, to all the Trustees of the General Assembly, to the Libraries of all our Church colleges, and to the stated clerk of each presbytery and synod.

(5) The Stated Clerk is directed to print the statistical reports, rolls of churches, roll of ministers, etc., in a separate volume and distribute it as soon as possible after the close of the year. The Minutes, or proceedings, of the General Assembly will be printed and distributed as soon as possible after adjournment. The purpose of this procedure is to make the statistics available several months earlier than would be possible if they are held until the proceedings of the Assembly are distributed.

### 13. General Provisions

(1) Limitation of Debate

In the consideration of any question before the Assembly, no commissioner shall speak more than once on the question until all others who desire to speak on the question have been given an opportunity to speak. Each recommendation in a committee's report shall be considered a separate question. The chairman or the member of a committee presenting a report shall have the right to speak when presenting a report, to answer interrogations addressed to him by consent of the Moderator and to conclude the debate on the pending question.

Except when the Assembly shall order otherwise, a time limit of ten minutes shall be allowed each speaker; a time limit of one hour for each side in debate.

(2) Introduction of New Matter

No motion or resolution introducing new matters not already before the various committees shall be in order later than the afternoon session of Monday, except by special permission, and all such motions and resolutions introduced prior to that time are to be referred to the appropriate committees. This is not to be interpreted as infringing upon the right to make amendments or substitutions to any report brought to the floor of the Assembly after that time.

(3) Special Financial Appeals

All Assembly agencies shall ordinarily submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council all requests that contemplate special appeals for contributions from the churches, so that the Budget Committee can study each financial responsibility in the light of the whole program and make recommendation to the Assembly. (See also "Plans for Education and Promotion," below.)

(4) Ad Interim Committees

The following rules shall govern the appointment of ad interim committees:

(a) Each overture or resolution requesting the appointment of an ad interim committee shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee.

(b) The standing committee shall recommend to the Assembly: First, whether an ad interim committee is needed; and, second, if needed, the naming of an existing agency which shall be instructed to make careful study of the question and report to the next Assembly. If it appears that the matter requires the appointment of a selected ad interim committee, the standing committee should so recommend.

(5) Permanent Committees

Members of permanent committees shall be nominated and elected in keeping with the plan adopted in recommendation 7 on Re-organization of the Assembly's Agencies. (Refer to Minutes of the General Assembly for 1949, Page 135.) Members of permanent committees shall be elected for terms of three years, eligible to succeed themselves for a third term of three years, but not eligible for further re-election until the lapse of one year. (See recommendation 3, minutes for 1949, page 134.)

(6) Plans for Education and Promotion

All Assembly agencies shall submit to the Budget Committee of the General Council for its approval all plans for education and all plans for the promotion of special appeals for funds, in order that these plans and appeals may be properly harmonized and made to conform to the orders and directions of the General Assembly. The right to appeal to the General Council from any action or decision of the Budget Committee shall be allowed.

(7) Per Capita Tax

The General Assembly shall fix a per capita tax which will enable the Treasurer to maintain a maximum balance of $12,500.00, and a minimum balance of $7,500.00. When the maximum has been reached the tax is to be reduced. When the balance has been brought to the minimum the tax shall be raised. See also 6(1).

(8) Standing Rules

These rules shall be Standing Rules and govern the procedure of each Assembly until amended or repealed. No rule shall be amended or repealed except by the concurring vote of two-thirds of the commissioners present and voting.

## XV. PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

1. The General Assembly shall appoint a Permanent Judicial Committee consisting of nine members, at least five of whom shall be ministers. Members shall be elected to serve terms of three years. No person shall be eligible for service on this committee for more than two terms in succession. All vacancies shall be filled by the General Assembly for three-year terms, except that in the case of vacancies occurring between sessions of the Assembly, they shall be filled by appointment of the Moderator of the Assembly for the unexpired terms. Four of the nine members may be ruling elders, and the nine shall represent not fewer than three synods.

2. The General Assembly shall refer to this committee for consideration and report all judicial cases coming before that body by appeal, complaint or otherwise, in the following manner: within sixty days after the adjournment of the court from which the case is taken to the General Assembly, the Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall place in the hands of the chairman of the said Permanent Judicial Committee the complete records of the case, or a certified copy thereof for the use of the committee.

3. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall transmit to the chairman of said committees, as soon as received, copies of all overtures to the approaching Assembly touching constitutional questions or affecting changes in the Book of Church Order, for advice. That portion of the committee's report containing these advices shall be placed in the hands of the standing committees on Bills and Overtures and Judicial Business, along with the overtures.

4. The committee shall file its report by the first day of the Assembly. This report

shall present to the Assembly the law at issue, or affected by all the matters referred to, together with such references as will aid and expedite a careful review of the whole matter by those charged therewith; and it may add such suggestions as, in the judgment of the committee, will assist the Assembly or its agents to arrive at just and lawful decisions.

5. This committee shall meet at the call of the chairman, and its necessary expenses shall be provided for by the General Assembly.

6. This committee may from time to time submit to the General Assembly for its approval such rules or procedures governing the trial and conduct of cases as would appear expedient to the end in view.

7. Any individual, group or court within the church seeking information on church rules or procedure may submit inquiries to the Stated Clerk who may transmit them to the Permanent Judicial Committee if he deem it necessary or desirable.

8. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly shall be an *ex officio* member of this committee, but without the power to vote.

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## XVI. INSTRUCTIONS TO STATED CLERKS

### REPORTS FROM PRESBYTERIES

The General Assembly instructs the stated clerks of presbyteries as follows:

1. Secure from the Division of Publication, Board of Christian Education, Richmond, Va., the latest forms of blanks. It is a good idea to order just enough for one year, allowing a few extras for churches which may lose the set sent them. The Assembly makes frequent changes in the blanks.

2. Make the report in clear, distinct writing, especially the columns of names and figures in the Statistical Tables. Omit all fractions of a dollar in the money columns. If it is $10.45 or less, enter $10.00; if $10.55 or more, enter $11.00. Add *all* columns, if possible, on adding machines. Proofread the adding machine work before mailing. Attach adding machine slips to the report. Make the vowels in the names of ministers, churches and postoffices very distinct. Printers have much difficulty with vowels which look very much alike.

3. When a church does not make a report, enter it in the listing according to postoffice; give number of ruling elders, deacons and members from the last report.

4. When a stated clerk of presbytery is ready to make out his statistical report to the General Assembly he is requested to study the report of his presbytery in the Minutes of the General Assembly for the preceding year. All of the statistical reports are uniform in arrangement and each stated clerk should use the report of his presbytery in Assembly Minutes as a pattern.

5. Fill out the statistical report blank giving list of churches according to post office. Where there is more than one church at a particular post office list those bearing numerical titles first; follow these with other churches alphabetically arranged. If a minister serves more than one church the number of churches should be indicated by the figure in parentheses opposite his name. Ministers who are not serving a church or churches in the presbytery must be listed at the bottom of the statistical report with occupation and post office. Give number of candidates. All this must be done the first thing after adjournment of the January meeting of presbytery. The Stated Clerk of the Assembly must have this list to perfect the alphabetical list for the minutes.

6. At the close of the church year the Stated Clerk of the Assembly will forward to each presbytery's stated clerk an Official Roll of the ministers and licentiates. This list must be carefully checked as to: degrees, occupation and mailing address. Immediately upon completion of this roll it should be returned to the Stated Clerk of the Assembly.

7. Mail to the Stated Clerk, Rev. E. C. Scott, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N. E., Atlanta 8, Ga., all reports from the presbytery just as soon as they are prepared. The

Standing Rule requires that all these reports shall be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by February 15.

8. Mail overtures and other official communications, including a list of commissioners, at earliest possible date; otherwise, the printing of the Blue Book will be delayed. Send each overture upon a separate sheet of paper, written only on one side, duly signed by the Stated Clerk. (Read also Standing Rules 4(1) and 7, found on Pages 179, 181.)

9. Notify promptly the Stated Clerk of the Assembly when a change is made in the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

10. Notify the Stated Clerk of the Assembly on cards supplied by him of the reception and dismission of ministers within forty-eight hours after the meeting of presbytery.

11. Stated clerks of presbyteries are instructed to send sessional statistical reports, along with presbytery's statistical report, to the office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.

### REPORTS FROM SYNOD

The General Assembly hereby instructs the stated clerks of synods as follows:

(1) Notify the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly before the meeting of each Assembly of the formation or dissolution of presbyteries within the bounds of their respective synods; (2) of the times and places of the next meeting of these bodies; (3) of any changes which may be made in the stated clerk of synod. *These three things* should be attended to immediately on the adjournment of synod. A *marked* copy of the printed minutes is not an official notification. An official letter should be written covering the items mentioned above.

## XVII. FORMS OF BEQUESTS

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Assembly and Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Inc. ..... (here insert the estate devised and bequeathed) for the use and benefit of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Virginia) (here name the amount of the bequest), to be used for the publication work of said Church."

"I give and bequeath to the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee) (here name the amount of the bequest) to be used for the Foreign Mission work of said Church."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Annuities and Relief of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of ..... dollars for the cause of Ministerial Relief."

"I devise and bequeath to the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States the sum of $..... to aid candidates of said Church in preparation for the gospel ministry."

"I hereby give and bequeath to the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia) (here name the bequest) to be used for the Home Mission division of said Church."

## XVIII. PRAYER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States fully recognizes the efficacy of the prayers of God's people, and the necessity of divine guidance in its own deliberations; therefore,

*Resolved, First,* That the General Assembly recommend to all the churches under its care to offer special prayer during the devotions of the Sabbath preceding the meeting of the General Assembly the wisdom that cometh from above, and so direct all its plans, discussions and decisions as to promote His own glory and to advance the kingdom of Jesus on earth.

*Resolved, Second,* That the above preamble and resolution be printed annually in the Appendix to the Minutes of the Assembly.

(Minutes of General Assembly, 1863, p. 133.)

# SUPPLEMENTAL
# ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES

(The following list represents changes in the addresses of ministers that have taken place since the publication of Part II of the Minutes. It also includes men who have been ordained or received from other denominations. For complete alphabetical list of ministers and licentiates see Part II of the Minutes, page 207.)

| Name | Occupation | Street Address | Postoffice |
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| Alexander, J. Frank, Jr., Ph.D. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Charleston, S. C. |
| Ale, Clarence K. | | | Buchanan, Va. |
| Allen, James Henry | A. P. | Lafayette Presbyterian Ch. | Norfolk, Va. |
| Allen, J. W. | F. M. | A. P. C. M. | Bulape, Mweka, Congo Belge |
| Alverson, Frank C. | P. | | Junction City, Ark. |
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| Bell, M. S. | P. | 832 Seigle Ave. | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Bensberg, W. G. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Richmond, Mo. |
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| Brown, Charles W. | Chap. | School of the Ozarks | Point Lookout, Mo. |
| Brown, Frank O. | | 1109 Seneca St. | Pascagoula, Miss. |
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| Burleigh, P. B. | P. | | Meadville, Miss. |
| Byers, Andrew, Th.M. | Prof. | Pan American School | Kingsville, Texas |
| Byers, Edgar D. | P. | Geo. Kirby Mem. Ch. | Goldsboro, N. C. |
| Carpenter, George C. | P. | Box 22, Avlone Court | Louisville 16, Ky. |
| Carter, Joseph H., D.D. | Prof. | Lees McRae College | Banner Elk, N. C. |
| Carter, Percy A. | S. S. | 2132 Gerald St., N.E. | Winston-Salem, N. C. |
| Castaneda, E. P. | P. | 2238 Belton St. | Corpus Christi, Texas |
| Castleman, Dayton | M. P. | 1629 King Drive | New Orleans 22, La. |
| Chesney, Paul A. | P. | 1698 Quarrier St. | Charleston, W. Va. |
| Christie, Wm. Charles | A. P. | Woodlawn Presby. Ch. | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
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| Cochrane, McKinley A. | P. | 2015 Patton Ave. | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Coit, Robert T. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Milton, Fla. |
| Coleman, W. J. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Premont, Texas |
| Cook, Thomas E. | | 2821 Ordway St., N.W. | Washington 8, D. C. |
| Coon, Robert F. | In Trans. | Avoca Presbyterian, U.S.A. | Avoca, N. Y. |
| Cornish, Homer T. | P. | Route 1 | Front Royal, Va. |
| Craven, Charles Eugene | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Haines City, Fla. |
| Crawford, John Richard | Ev. | 200 W. Trade St. | Charlotte 2, N. C. (until sailing for a Scottish Univ.) |
| Crawford, Vernon A. | Asso. P. | First Presbyterian Church | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| Crockett, John | S. S. | | Augusta, Ark. |
| Crosby, S. E. | H. R. | 5140 Memory Lane | El Paso, Texas |
| Crowther, Curtis F. | A. P. | 7 N. Tuxedo Ave. | Chattanooga 11, Tenn. |
| Currie, Paul | P. | Trinity Presbyterian Ch. | Jonesville, La. |
| Currie, Stuart D. | T. | Queens College | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Daniels, David N. | P. | | Monroe, Ga. |
| Daugherty, Lawton | P. | | Sullivan's Island, S. C. |
| Davis, Jay M. | Chap. | 1st Armored Division | Fort Polk, La. |
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| Dean, A. Clarke, Th.M., D.D. | Asso. P. | 1624 Biltmore Drive | Charlotte 7, N. C. |
| Deloteus, Palmer Wm. | P. | 115 E. Ave. B | Robstown, Texas |
| Downing, W. A. | H. R. | 1317 Texas Avenue | Mercedes, Texas |
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| Eckhoff, T. Harry | P. | | Clio, South Carolina |
| Edwards, George R., Ph.D. | S. S. & T. | 109 E. Broadway | Louisville, Ky. |
| Ensign, John E. | Sec. | 13 N. 5th St. | Richmond 19, Va. |
| Ensley, Eugene C. | P. | 211 North 14th Ave. | Hopewell, Va. |
| Evans, David T., Jr. | P. | Route 7, Box 56B | Austin, Texas |
| Fikret, H. H. | S. S. | Grace Covenant Presby. Ch. | Orlando, Fla. |
| Foran, Howard B. | Chap. | 47 Riverside Drive | Patrick AFB, Fla. |
| Force, Paul W. | P. | Star Route | Tazewell, Va. |
| Frazer, Richard S. | P. | 2441 East Fifth St. | Knoxville 15, Tenn. |
| Fuller, Harold E., Jr. | P. | R. F. D. | LaGrange, Ga. |
| Gammon, Joseph M. | P. | Box 215 | Madison, Fla. |
| Garcia, Nehemias | P. | 900 Garza | Del Rio, Texas |
| Gettys, Joseph M., S.T.M., Ph.D. | Prof. | Presbyterian College | Clinton, S. C. |
| Gibboney, Charles H., D.D. | P. E. | Walton Way & Johns Rd. | Augusta, Ga. |
| Goodpasture, H. McKennie | T. S. | Downtown Presbyterian Ch. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| | Stu. | (beginning in fall) | Scotland |
| Goodwin, Dan F., Jr. | P. | St. Andrews Presbyterian Ch. | Midland, Texas |
| Gunn, R. Yale | M. E. | 4211 Post St. | Jacksonville 5, Fla. |
| Gustafson, Robt. K. | Grad. Stu. | Union Theological Seminary | Richmond, Va. |
| Guthrie, Shirley C., Jr. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Rusk, Texas |
| Gutierrez, Ben Felan | Ev. | | Taft, Texas |
| Harris, S. N. | A. P. | 412 Zack St. | Tampa 2, Fla. |
| Hatchett, J. Bryan | P. | | Commerce, Ga. |

## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES—Continued

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|---|---|---|---|
| Hay, Samuel H., D.D., LL.D. | H.R., P.Em. | 336 Edisto Ave. | Columbia, S. C. |
| Hellmuth, Barton L. | P. | | Ashburn, Va. |
| Hendrick, John R. | T. | Austin Seminary | Austin, Texas |
| Hester, Melvin S. | P. E. | 4224 Spruce | Kansas City, Mo. |
| Hewett, John Robt. | A. P. | First Presbyterian Church | Norfolk, Va. |
| Hickey, Rufus G. | In Trans. | (U.S.A. Church) | Charlestown, Ind. |
| Hildabrand, Carl-Nils | P. | Route 3-A | Springfield, Ky. |
| Hoffman, Paul W. | P. | | Midway, Ky. |
| Holt, David Rice, Th.M. | Asst. to Pres. | Union Theological Seminary | Richmond, Va. |
| Holt, Francis | P. | Golden Rule Presby. Ch. | Elysian Fields, Texas |
| Hope, Samuel Rainey | Grad. Stu. | Andover-Newton Seminary | Newton Centre, Mass. |
| Horne, Paul A. | P. | Route 4 | Lancaster, S. C. |
| Houck, S. M., Th.M. | A. P. | 849 Park St. | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| Howard, John R. | Stu. | 319 Elmira Pl., N.E. | Atlanta 7, Ga. |
| Hunt, Robert F. | P. | Box 714 | Summerville, S. C. |
| Ingle, Frederick Wm. | In Trans. | Hamill Rd., U.S.A. Church | Hixson, Tenn. |
| Jackson, James R. | P. | 411 Berwick Ave. | Tampa 4, Fla. |
| James, D. Clayton | P. | Union Presbyterian Church | Union (Boone Co.) Ky. |
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| Jennings, Charles W. | P. | 701 Virginia Ave. | Spray, N. C. |
| Jones, Archie W. | P. | 996 Cotton Grove Road | Lexington, N. C. |
| Jones, Dale M. | Lic., P.E. | | Circleville, W. Va. |
| Jones, H. Grady M., Th.M. | Sec. | 1805 Clifton Rd., N.E. | Atlanta 6, Ga. |
| Kennedy, James R. | P. | 423 Third Ave. | Hinton, W. Va. |
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| King, John R. | A. P. | 200 W. Trade St. | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Knott, Richard O. | P. | Box 436 | Sugar Land, Texas |
| Landrum, Chas. L., Jr. | P. | Evergreen Presbyterian Ch. | Dothan, Ala. |
| Langham, Edward C., Jr. | F. M. | Caixa Postal 539 | Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil |
| Lawson, Howard A. | P. | | Gulf Shores, Ala. |
| Lehman, David B. | F. M. | Caixa Postal 539 | Campinas, Brazil |
| Lemmon, Frank T., Jr. | F. M. | | Mexico City, Mex. |
| Lindsay, Arthur M. | F. M. | Caixa Postal 539 | Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil |
| Lingle, Clarence A., Jr. | P. | 352 Kerr St. | Concord, N. C. |
| Livingston, John C. | Lic., P.E. | Route 3 | Winchester, Va. |
| Love, H. Lawrence | P. | 826 S.W. Coconut Drive | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. |
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| Low, Frederick C. | | 2833 Napoleon Ave. | New Orleans, La. |
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| Lyon, G. Taft, Jr. | A. P. | 6201 Broadway | San Antonio, Texas |
| Manson, Wm. T., Jr. | P. | 133 East Valley St. | Abingdon, Va. |
| Maples, Frederick E. | P. | Community Presby. Church | Forsyth, Mo. |
| Marvin, Robert M. | F. M. | Caixa Postal 539 | Campinas, Brazil |
| Matheson, W. H. | P. | Box 28 | Marion, N. C. |
| May, Joel E. | Asso. P. | 408 Fourth St. | San Antonio, Texas |
| McCown, Dan H. | P. | | Wake Village, Texas |
| McKee, K. Sherwood | M. E. | Church of the Covenant | Houston, Texas |
| McGehee, R. M., Th.M., Th.D., D.D. | P. | | Pine Ridge, Miss. |
| McKinnon, Philo L. | P. | 130 Spring St. | Jonesboro, Ga. |
| McLean, William S. | P. | 6th and Pecan | Texarkana, Ark. |
| McMillan, T. M., Jr. | P. | | Atmore, Ala. |
| Milton, Byron L., Th.M. | P. | 2017 Moultrie Square | Anderson, S. C. |
| Montgomery, Robt. L., Th.M. | F. M. | (sailing in early fall) | Hualien, Taiwan |
| Moss, James L. | F. M. | Caixa Postal 539 | Campinas, Brazil |
| Mowbray, T. K. | H. R. | Route 3 | Honea Path, S. C. |
| Moylan, David H. | Grad. Wk. | Union Theological Seminary | Richmond, Va. |
| Munro, B. G. | P. | Central Presbyterian Church | Athens, Ga. |
| Newland, L. T., Th.M., D.D. | H. R. | | Black Mountain, N. C. |
| Newsome, James D., Jr. | A. P. | 1st Presbyterian Ch. | Columbus, Ga. |
| Newton, John Thomas, Jr. | P. | Route 1 | Conyers, Ga. |
| Ogletree, Baldwin F., Jr. | P. | | Chattahoochee, Fla. |
| O'Neal, William D. | P. | Broadmoor Presbyterian Ch. | Baton Rouge, La. |
| Overcash, Edward H. | P. | 304 Guild Drive | Chattanooga 11, Tenn. |
| Palachek, Joseph A. | Asso. P. | North Columbia Rd. | Bogalusa, La. |
| Parks, David L. | F. M. | | Korea (after 9-1-56) |
| Patteson, Harold R. | M. E. | Signal Mtn. Presby. Ch. | Signal Mountain, Tenn. |
| Petmecky, Lewis G. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Sterling City, Texas |
| Piephoff, Zachary Taylor, Jr. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Spring Lake, N. C. |
| Pierce, William Eugene | P. | Route 2 | Somerset, Ky. |
| Pittenger, David V. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Sulphur Springs, Texas |
| Poe, Eugene P. | A. P. | South Highland | Birmingham, Ala. |
| Polley, Max E. | T. | Davidson College | Davidson, N. C. |
| Ratchford, James E. | P. | West Ave. Presbyterian Ch. | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Reagan, John M., Jr. | F. M. | Box 330 | Nashville 1, Tenn. |
| Reed, Gordon K. | M. P. | James Blvd. | Signal Mountain, Tenn. |
| Reily, William R., Th.M. | F. M. | A. P. C. M. | Kasha, Luputa, Congo Belge |
| Richards, John E., D.D. | P. | First Presbyterian Church | Macon, Ga. |
| Roberts, Earl D. | P. | Box 335 | Elkton, Va. |
| Robinson, C. M., Jr. | P. | 216 Corona | San Benito, Texas |
| Robinson, Laurence B. | In Trans. | 254 N. Main St. | Wharton, N. J. |
| Robinson, Leslie C., Th.M. | Asso. P. | First Presbyterian Church | Rocky Mount, N. C. |
| Rose, Benj. Lacy, Th.M., Th.D., D.D. | Prof. | Union Theological Seminary | Richmond 27, Va. |
| Satterwhite, Wm. Watts | P. | Route 2 | McDonough, Ga. |
| Scarlett, Frank J., Jr. | P. | | Fort Valley, Ga. |

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| Scharer, Joseph A. | P. | 904 S.E. 12th St. | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. |
| Seddon, E. A. J., Jr. | F. M. | Box 330 | Nashville 1, Tenn. |
| Sherwood, James B. | P. | McGee Presbyterian Church. | Charlotte, N. C. |
| Sholl, Chas. S., D.D. | H. R. | Route 1 | Nolansville, Tenn. |
| Shows, Wm. P. | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Port Gibson, Miss. |
| Simpson, J. David | P. Ex. Dir. | First Presbyterian Church... | Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
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| Slusser, Gerald H., Th.M. | Asso. P. | 9800 Preston Road | Dallas 30, Texas |
| Smith, C. Emerson | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Foley, Ala. |
| Smith, J. Allen | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | LaMarque, Texas |
| Smith, Wm. Albert | | Box 4499 | Warrington, Fla. |
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| Staples, George E., Th.D. | Min. to Stu. | Davidson College | Davidson, N. C. |
| Stephens, James Harris | Ev. | 540 Allison Ave., S.W. | Roanoke, Va. |
| Stevenson, John L. | P. | Box 234 | Chadbourn, N. C. |
| Stewart, Robert J. | P. | 1012 W. Center | Searcy, Ark. |
| Sthreshley, Lawrence F., Jr. | P. | Tims Mem. Presby. Church. | Lutz, Fla. |
| Stubbs, Irving R. | A. P. | Royster Mem. Presby. Ch.... | Norfolk, Va. |
| Thomas, R. Davis, Th.M. | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Tallahassee, Fla. |
| Thorington, Chilton F. | A. P. | 3003 Howell Mill Rd., N.W... | Atlanta, Ga. |
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| Turner, Richard L. | In Trans. | Community Pres. Ch., U.S.A. | Skagway, Alaska |
| Underwood, Herbert L. | A. P. | Chesapeake & Highland Sts.. | Towson, Md. |
| Van Vleck, James B. | P. | 2045 18th St. | Corpus Christi, Texas |
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| Walker, Wm. Paul | Inf. | | Dierks, Ark. |
| White, Crawford A. | P. | Second Presbyterian Church. | Concord, N. C. |
| Whiteley, G. P. | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Bluefield, W. Va. |
| Wilhelm, Norman E. | Chap. | Chaplains School, Box 1544.. | Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas |
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| Williams, W. C. Smiley | H. R. | Skye Range | Valley Center, Va. |
| Williamson, Lamar, Jr. | F. M. | | Brussels, Belgium |
| Wilson, Charles L., Jr. | P. | 185 Burks Road | Forest Park, Ga. |
| Wilson, John N. | P. | 113 Robbins Rd., Apt. A | Sanford, N. C. |
| Wood, Elmer D. | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Trinity, Texas |
| Wood, Miles C., Jr. | P. | First Presbyterian Church... | Statesboro, Ga. |
| Wright, Clarence Keith | M. E. | 1801 Second Ave. | Lake Charles, La. |
| Zeluff, J. Daniel | P. E. | First Presbyterian Church... | Mountain Home, Ark. |
| Zitzmann, Fred P. | P. | 807 Pine Ave. | Hopewell, Va. |

## MINISTERIAL RECORD
## SUPPLEMENTAL MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY

The reports received from the presbyteries since publication of Part II, 1956, indicate that the following ministers have passed away. (For list in Part II, 1956, see page 164.)

| Name | Date | Age | Presbytery |
|---|---|---|---|
| Buchholz, O. E. | July 6, 1956 | 70 | East Hanover |
| Chedester, W. P. | Apr. 29, 1956 | 76 | Asheville |
| Daughtry, Sam S. | Apr. 7, 1956 | 60 | Abingdon |
| Davis, J. S. | Mar. 31, 1956 | 78 | Meridian |
| Furr, W. E. | Apr. 28, 1956 | 85 | Concord |
| Lapsley, Samuel B. | May 31, 1956 | 67 | Knoxville |
| Mathis, W. D. | Feb. 23, 1956 | 72 | Meridian |
| Miller, Alva E. | May 21, 1956 | 81 | Mid-Texas |
| Rodman, J. P. | Feb. 28, 1956 | 66 | Washburn |
| Stevenson, T. M. | May 31, 1956 | 67 | Pee Dee |
| Terrell, Irby D. | June 9, 1956 | 56 | Abingdon |
| Van Patten, Lowell A. | June 20, 1956 | 56 | Nashville |
| Walker, Wendell H. | Apr. 8, 1956 | 60 | Bluestone |
| Walker, Wm. Lowry | May 31, 1956 | 45 | Dallas |
| Whitener, Olin M. | July 5, 1956 | 43 | Orange |
| Williams, J. M. | May 18, 1956 | 87 | Dallas |

## MINISTERS DIVESTED OF OFFICE

| Name | Date | Presbytery |
|---|---|---|
| Bowling, John Knox | March 23, 1956 | Dallas |
| Dilworth, Donald R. | | Asheville |
| Iverson, H. E. | June 11, 1956 | Augusta-Macon |
| Leland, Whitney E. | Apr. 17, 1956 | Nashville |

# XX. PRESBYTERIAL ASSESSMENTS

**(To Cover All Expenses of the General Assembly)**

**Due January 1, 1957**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Abingdon | $1,588.16 | Louisiana-Mississippi | $ 69.76 |
| Albemarle | 1,432.32 | Louisville | 2,289.28 |
| Asheville | 1,223.36 | Mangum | 598.24 |
| Athens | 626.24 | Mecklenburg | 4,953.60 |
| Atlanta | 4,975.68 | Memphis | 2,645.60 |
| Augusta-Macon | 1,193.92 | Meridian | 1,249.92 |
| Bethel | 1,491.04 | Mid-Texas | 1,664.32 |
| Birmingham | 1,473.92 | Mississippi | 580.80 |
| Bluestone | 988.64 | Missouri | 617.28 |
| Brazos | 4,123.52 | Mobile | 833.44 |
| Central Alabama | 58.08 | Montgomery | 2,720.00 |
| Central Mississippi | 1,970.40 | Muhlenberg | 549.76 |
| Central Texas | 1,315.68 | Nashville | 1,736.64 |
| Charleston | 874.56 | New Orleans | 1,627.68 |
| Cherokee | 815.20 | Norfolk | 3,047.84 |
| Columbia | 404.00 | North Alabama | 1,064.48 |
| Concord | 2,563.52 | North Mississippi | 663.84 |
| Congaree | 1,323.84 | Orange | 3,175.84 |
| Dallas | 3,068.64 | Ouachita | 1,224.16 |
| Durant | 294.56 | Paris | 1,096.32 |
| East Alabama | 1,473.60 | Pee Dee | 1,089.44 |
| East Arkansas | 1,034.72 | Piedmont | 792.32 |
| East Hanover | 3,352.00 | Potomac | 2,309.92 |
| East Mississippi | 767.04 | Potosi | 476.80 |
| El Paso | 1,377.12 | Red River | 1,455.36 |
| Enoree | 1,760.64 | Roanoke | 1,067.04 |
| The Everglades | 1,794.08 | St. Johns | 1,674.08 |
| Fayetteville | 2,843.36 | St. Louis | 959.52 |
| Florida | 1,349.92 | Savannah | 848.80 |
| Georgia-Carolina | 100.32 | South Carolina | 1,002.88 |
| Granville | 1,742.40 | Southwest Georgia | 1,186.56 |
| Greenbrier | 1,012.96 | Suwannee | 2,165.12 |
| Guerrant | 287.20 | Transylvania | 380.00 |
| Harmony | 982.88 | Tuscaloosa | 836.64 |
| Holston | 1,973.28 | Upper Missouri | 1,396.80 |
| Indian | 36.64 | Washburn | 1,240.80 |
| Kanawha | 2,954.56 | Western Texas | 3,511.20 |
| Kings Mountain | 1,444.00 | West Hanover | 783.68 |
| Knoxville | 2,325.92 | Westminster | 2,897.44 |
| Lafayette | 468.96 | Wilmington | 2,022.56 |
| Lexington | 2,714.40 | Winchester | 1,435.04 |
| Lexington-Ebenezer | 968.64 | Winston-Salem | 1,128.96 |
| Louisiana | 1,315.52 | | |

The above assessments are calculated on the basis of communicants as reported December 31, 1955, sixteen (16) cents per capita, for all Assembly expenses for the year beginning January 1, 1957.

The presbyterial assessments are due January 1, 1957, and payment should be made to E. C. Scott, Treasurer, 341-A Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta 8, Ga.

# ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LAY MEMBERS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, TRUSTEES, ETC., WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PAGE NUMBERS ON WHICH THEIR NAMES APPEAR.

| Name | Street Address | Postoffice | Committee | Page |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agnew, Donald C. | 316 Peachtree St., N.E. | Atlanta, Ga. | National Council | 15 |
| Aikman, Leo | Atlanta Journal | Atlanta, Ga. | Survey | 14 |
| Alford, Judge Julian R. | 212 S. Monroe | Tallahassee, Fla. | Church Extension | 5 |
| Allan, Dr. D. M. | Hampden-Sydney Col. | Hampden-Sydney, Va. | Ad Interim | 12 |
| Allen, Linton | First National Bank | Orlando, Fla. | Annuities & Relief | 8 |
| Anderson, T. Emmett | 3315 Jean Circle | Tampa, Fla. | Montreat | 13 |
| Avinger, Mrs. Geo. F. | | Laurinburg, N.C. | Mission Court | 13 |
| Bailey, C. W. | First National Bank | Clarksville, Tenn. | Annuities and Relief | 8 |
| Baldwin, J. W. | Humble Building | Midland, Texas | Men | 7 |
| Barker, Mrs. Frank | 2904 Thornhill Road | Birmingham, Ala. | Historical Foundation | 13 |
| Barnhardt, T. M., Jr. | Box 2176 | Charlotte 1, N.C. | World Missions | 4 |
| Bartle, H. Roe | 1023 Grand | Kansas City, Mo. | National Council | 15 |
| Belk, Miss Eleanor | 2501 Oxford Place | Charlotte 7, N.C. | A.T.S. | 12 |
| | | | Ad Interim | 12 |
| Bell, Dr. L. Nelson | | Montreat, N.C. | World Missions | 4 |
| | | | Christianity & Health | 9 |
| Bird, Mrs. W. Tate | Rt. 1, Birdland Farm | Shelbyville, Ky. | World Missions | 4 |
| Bishop, Leon W. | 2822 Monument Ave. | Richmond 22, Va. | Mission Court | 13 |
| Blackburn, T. Mack | 713 Market St. | Knoxville, Tenn. | Men | 7 |
| Blair, Tully D. | 1917 West First St. | Winston-Salem, N.C. | General Council | 4 |
| Bleckschmidt, Mrs. H. C. | 7523 Forest View Dr. | St. Louis 21, Mo. | World Missions | 4 |
| Boggs, Mrs. L. K. | 1338 East 53rd St. | Savannah, Ga. | World Missions | 4 |
| Bowles, George D. | Mutual Building | Richmond, Va. | Christian Education | 7 |
| Boykin, Mrs. Shirley | Box 146 | Carrollton, Ga. | Historical Foundation | 13 |
| Brewer, Ralph | Box 831 | Alexandria, La. | Men | 7 |
| Brewer, Mrs. T. Smith | 801 Fourth St. | Huntington, W. Va. | National Council | 15 |
| Brimm, Dr. Henry M. | Union Theological Sem. | Richmond, Va. | World Pbn. Alliance | 16 |
| Brooke, Mrs. Francis J., Jr. | 808 Gates Ave., Apt. B 1 | Norfolk 7, Va. | Christian Education | 7 |
| Brown, Dr. Marshall W. | | Clinton, S. C. | Christian Education | 7 |
| | | | Ad Interim | 12 |
| Buckles, Mrs. Paul K. | 315 64th St. | Newport News, Va. | Women | 8 |
| | | | A.T.S. | 12 |
| Cansler, John S. | 1401 Queens Rd., West | Charlotte, N.C. | Trustees G.A. | 12 |
| Carson, McAlister | 2215 Hopedale Ave. | Charlotte, N.C. | Office of G.A. | 3 |
| Cary, Miss Cammie | 2314 Monument Ave. | Richmond, Va. | Mission Court | 13 |
| Coleman, Cliff | Box 1176 | Richmond 9, Va. | Men | 7 |
| Connell, Mrs. T. D. | Rt. 2, Box 560½ | Shreveport, La. | Church Extension | 5 |
| Cooper, Robert F., Jr. | 1522 Second St. | New Orleans 13, La. | Montreat | 13 |
| Corbett, R. L. | | Macclesfield, N.C. | Men | 7 |
| Craft, Floyd | Box 2488 | Greensboro, N.C. | Montreat | 13 |
| Craig, Mrs. A. R. | 617 N. Main St. | Rutherfordton, N.C. | Women | 8 |
| Craig, F. G. | Box 325 | Batesville, Miss. | Men | 7 |
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